

Village of Sunbury

Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes January 6, 2021

- I. **Call to Order**- Councilman Tim Gose opened the Sunbury Parks and Recreation Commission virtual meeting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday January 6, 2021 via Zoom.
- II. **Roll Call**-Those answering roll call: Tim Gose, and David Martin. Also, in attendance were Administrator Allen Rothermel, Engineer Dave Parkinson (attended second part of meeting)
- III. **Visitors** – Cindi Cooper, Paul Hollar, Justin Wood
- IV. **Minutes**- Minutes from 12/2/2020 meeting moved for approval by Dave Martin and Tim Gose, second. (unanimous)
- V. **Old Business**
 - a. **Status of \$\$ From County Grant**- Allen Rothermel indicated there were no new updates on the County grant from the County. The Commissioners still had not officially approved the funds which we understood to be approximately \$55,000.00.
 - b. **Maintenance Overview**- Tim Gose inquired about the maintenance work being conducted in the parks. Allen Rothermel responded , while he had no specific report the Winter is a good time to account for fixtures and equipment that need attention.
 - c. **Tree Planting/Dedication Request**- Tim Gose reported the Village has received another request for dedicating a tree somewhere in the Village. Allen reported we will try to get more specific information regarding the request and report back. Since we are somewhat limited as to where to put memorial trees (Sunbury Memorial Park, Town Square, etc.) , we may want to consider formalizing a program for donating trees, fixtures and other amenities at set dollar amounts. Tim Gose suggested that alternate revenue sources such as vending machines in public areas also be considered. Staff will research this possibility.

Tim Gose moved to recess meeting until 7:00 pm at which time Village Engineer can attend the meeting. Dave Martin second (unanimous) 6:45 pm

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VI. New Business

a. ODNR Trail grant Application Discussion

Dave Parkinson provided an overview of Grant funding available in 2021 from ODNR:

1). Recreation Trail Fund- up to \$150,000 available with up to 80% grant funding.

The emphasis is on smaller trail projects and geared towards local trails.

2). Clean Ohio Trails Fund (RTF)- up to \$500,000 available with a 75/25 split for matching funds. Projects are generally for long linear trail projects that connect to other trails.

Applications for both grant programs are due March 15, 2021 and the dual application form can be used to submit either one, or both grants.

After the application is submitted, the State takes until August 1 to review every site. During the NOV/DEC time frame the grants are awarded and all awardees have 15 months to complete their projects.

The RTF is funded through the Federal Highway Administration (NEPA) and as a result there are different protocols to follow for the application process such as notifications and letters of support to State and local agencies, etc.

The Clean Ohio grant is funded thru bonds funded thru the State of Ohio. There is \$615 million to distribute (24 projects for 88 counties)

Dave Parkinson indicated he would need approval to proceed by January 20, 2021 which gives him 7 weeks to prepare. The Up-ground Reservoirs project would be a good candidate for the RTF grant.

Discussion ensued on the need for another meeting (special) of the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss the "authorization to proceed" for CT.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 20, 2021.

VII. Motion to Adjourn

Dave Martin moved

Tim Gose second

Motion approved (unanimous) 7:20 pm adjournment

Minutes submitted by Allen Rothermel

