

Village of Sunbury

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Minutes June 3, 2020

I. Call To Order- Councilman Tim Gose opened the Sunbury Parks and Recreation Commission virtual meeting via Zoom at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday June 3, 2020.

II. Roll Call-Those answering roll call: Tim Gose, Cindi Cooper, and David Martin. Also, in attendance were Tommy Hatfield, Administrator Allen Rothermel and David Parkinson Engineer.

III. Minutes- May 6, 2020

Tim Gose moved and Cindi Cooper seconded the approval of the May 6, 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes.

Motion passed on a 2-0-1 vote (Martin abstain)

IV. Visitors - none

V. Open Issues

a. Next Park Project- Consensus of the Committee was the “Up-ground Reservoirs” were the first Master Plan Park project to address.

It was suggested that members and staff identify five items to accomplish first. A number of things were mentioned including, steps, trails/ walking paths, signage, fishing pier, parking, ADA access. It was further suggested that this list be shared with the Services Committee.

Funding Sources- There is still approximately \$100,000.00 of Water Fund monies still remaining for the “Up-ground Reservoir” project.

Engineer, Dave Parkinson shared a screen shot with the Committee of the Reservoir Park rendering showing various amenities.

Chair-person Tim Gose suggested that a possible next step should include the Committee getting out and walking the area with Dave Parkinson when he returns from vacation.

Mayor Hatfield reminded the Committee that the Reservoir Park Plan diagram is a conceptual plan. Keep in mind that the Street Dept. Service facility is constrained at its current location and will need a new location in the next 10 years.

b. Trail Expansion- In light of the announcement from Delaware County that they are convening a second grant program for trails in the County, Dave Parkinson showed a schedule

for proceeding with a second trail from Fallen Heroes to the new high school site by way of Sunbury Estates.

While the Committee discussed a tentative action plan, Chair-person Gose suggested that the Committee walk the alignment suggested by Dave Parkinson. It was agreed that there will be a Special Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee at 5:30 pm on Friday June 19, 2020. The purpose of the meeting would be for members to view the possible location of the new bike trail as well as view the Up-ground Reservoirs behind the Services Dept. complex.

VI. New Business

a). Cemetery Tree Request- The Village received an inquiry from the daughter of Dr. Don Thomas (physician in Sunbury from 1952-1960) to donate a bench or flowering tree at the Sunbury Memorial Park in memory of her sister Nancy Thomas Mayfield.

The committee acknowledged there is no formal Village-wide policy for accepting such donations, however, it was suggested that a tree or bench along the west side of the cemetery (between Prairie Run and the road) would be appropriate.

b). Pool Discussion- Dave Parkinson provided additional information and insight on the Committee's interest in an outdoor pool in Sunbury. CT Consultants just completed two pool projects in central Ohio—Reynoldsburg YMCA and Hilliard Pool House. All in, the average outdoor pool cost is around \$2.5 million while site improvements can run \$500,000.00 on average. The Hilliard pool house was \$1.8 million for the structure.

If there is further consideration for a municipal pool, we would need to start solidifying a plan. Issues to consider: How much millage would it take to generate \$3 million, What revenue options are available?.....

In summary, an outdoor pool is an excellent project to be tackled one bite at a time but need to take the first one before getting to the last.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dave Martin and second by Tim Gose

Motion approved (unanimous)

Minutes submitted by Allen Rothermel