

# Village of Sunbury Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes August 4th, 2021

**I. Call to Order-** Committee Chair Tim Gose opened the Sunbury Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 5:45p.m., Wednesday August 4, 2021, in Council Chambers.

**II. Roll Call-**Those answering roll call: David Martin, Cindi Cooper and Tim Gose. Also, in attendance were Steve Pyles and Kathy Belcher.

**III. Minutes-** Minutes from the July 7, 2021, meetings were reviewed.

Motion by David Martin

Second by Cindi Cooper

3 ayes, minutes were approved.

**IV. Visitors-** No visitors

## **New & Old Business**

### **Ohio to Erie Trail**

1). Tim Gose introduced Steve Pyles to discuss Ohio to Erie Trail event.

Steve Pyles discussed the main order of business which is the trail towns, Ohio to Erie Trail bike event. Steve prepared a packet about the trail town route for Ohio to Erie Trial and highlighted the small communities that are participating in the event. There will be foundation grants that will extend money and resources to small communities that would be able to aid passing bikers on their journey. A research period will be conducted through visits and interviews. Then strategies will then be put together in a guidebook to make sure there is consistency throughout the trail for the event. Guidebooks will also inform bikers on tips and what is available in each of the communities. There is potential for a great economic benefit that this effort could bring to Sunbury. Time frame for study should be roughly in spring of next year. Columbus foundation, the Ohio Erie trail board, preservation parks, Knox County, along with other small communities will be partnering with Sunbury for the effort. Steve is hoping to get the \$2,000 approved in council later that evening to officially join the study.

2). Tim Gose asks Steve Pyles what the next steps will be if the money is approved by council.

Next step will be for Steve Pyles to email them to give them the ok. Next meeting will be in August, which he will then give investigators the scope of what help Sunbury will be needing.

Timeline thinking September. Talked about coordinating the interviews around the Parks and Recreation committee meeting.

### **Volunteer**

Tim Gose states that certain groups have been calling asking how to volunteer. Discussed the need to come up with a list of things that would be good for volunteers to accomplish.

Steve Pyles will set up a meeting with Brad Gerwig to come up with a list. Steve says he will deliver list at the next meeting.

### **Buckeye Tree Memorial**

Tim Gose discusses the idea to make an exception for a buckeye tree to be planted on the square. Buckeye trees are listed as a tree not permitted to plant from a list that was approved March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Tim Gose talked with both Brad Gerwig and Aaron Nobiet in which they both agree with Tim Gose, that they do not believe this will cause any great issues. All agree that it would be a great way to honor Len Weatherby since he was such a proud Buckeye fan.

### **Youth Football JR Smith**

1) Tim Gose met with Chad, who is on the Big Walnut youth football board, also met with Brad Gerwig and Allen Rothermel trying to figure out who is responsible for the maintenance of the field. Main concern is allowing them to play flag football in the fall, and if they can have a food truck for Saturday's games.

Tim states he previously spoke with Brad Gerwig and Allen Rothermel, which both think there should not be any issues with letting them continue to use the facility.

2) David Martin inquired if they would no longer be using the concession stand.

They are currently weighing decision between concession stand and food truck. Tim Gose has spoken with Allen Rothermel previously and Allen confirmed as long as food truck can pass all health inspections, there shouldn't be any issue.

3) Cindi Cooper asked who owns the Lions club building and concession building.

The village owns the buildings. However, it seems the multiple people have keys to the buildings. Also discussed the idea of charging for storage use, and possibly changing the locks to keypads. Sunbury and BW youth football have always had shared duties for maintaining the facility. Going forward, it seems the maintenance will continue to be shared, but ultimately Tim Gose will be setting up a meeting with Sialis and Chad of BW youth football to discuss duties.

4) Tim Gose states that the scoreboard is in rough condition, and he discussed ways to improve the scoreboard.

Chad will be tending to the scoreboard to revamp it.

5) David Martin questioned the condition of the bleachers.

Tim Gose stated he did not notice the condition. David Martin was fearful that if someone where to get injured if they were in bad condition, would the village then be liable since they own the park. Steve Pyles said he would be getting in touch with Brad Gerwig to come up with a solution to prevent future issues. Cindi Cooper also mentioned how the bleachers are facing the wrong direction. Discussed the idea of potentially new bleachers or having them maintained by an outside company if needed upon inspection by Brad Gerwig.

6) Cindi Cooper stated that now would be a good time to develop new protocols to make sure everyone understands what they are responsible for. She also mentioned that there is graphic profanity on the side of a building which needs addressed.

Discussed that this could potentially be something added to the list for volunteers.

There being no further business....

### **Adjournment**

Cindi Cooper moved to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Martin seconded.

**Motion approved** (unanimous) 6:20 pm