

Village of Sunbury

Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes September 2, 2020-DRAFT

I. Call to Order- Councilman Tim Gose opened the Sunbury Parks and Recreation Commission virtual meeting at 6:32 p.m., Wednesday September 2, 2020 via Zoom.

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

III. Visitors – Silas Bowers

IV. Open Issues

- a. Master Plan-** Village Engineer, David Parkinson provided re-cap of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan document prepared by CT Consultants. The document was last presented on December 3, 2019 but not finalized.

Mr. Parkinson cited four (4) items from page 45 of the Master Plan for the Committee to “get the ball rolling”.

- 1). Implement Improvement Plans
- 2). Build Partnerships
- 3). Promote Trails to Enhance Community Activity
- 4). Develop Funding Plan

Based on prior discussions of the Committee, three (3) Parks projects were discussed:

- 1). Freedom Park
- 2). J.R. Smith Park
- 3). Up-Ground Reservoirs Park

There is a need to prioritize between Connectivity (Internal issue) and Public Amenities (public comment). Other public comments included a Community Center located at Freedom Park.

Tim Gose thanked Dave and his team for the Plan, now we need to USE it.

The first priority is implementing three (3) plans for three (3) parks with Reservoir Park being the first.

Dave Martin moved to Approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan from March 6, 2020 and endorse the plan to Village Council.

Tim Gose second.

During discussion it was pointed out that since this is a dynamic/fluid plan, addendums can be made to the Plan at any time. It doesn't back you into anything or out of anything.

If Council approves, it could be vetted for future projects.

UNANIMOUS VOTE (3 AYES)

VISITOR

Silas Bowers BWY Sports representative announced the new BWY Sports group adopted JR Smith football program (220 members) as well as a running group (closed out in 10 days) and other programs. Currently it is planned for the Middle School to be the hub of sports fields and activities. Football is not playing at Freedom Park or J.R. Smith Park this year.

BWY Sports sees opportunities for collaboration in the future. Soccer registration begins in two (2) weeks.

Cindi Cooper commented that she was glad to see Flag Football bumped up to 6th grade. Thanks to Silas.

b. Trail Extension

Focus has shifted to a new route crossing SR 37 at Sunbury Methodist Church and crossing SR 36/3 at the crossing light and on into the Inn at Walnut Trail, Miller's Landing and over to N. Miller.

Discussions Dave Parkinson has had seeking easements has been receptive so far. Village Attorney David Brehm will be asked to prepare the terms and conditions of easement language. Legal descriptions are NOT needed yet but will need to approve up to \$2500.00 for Dave Brehm to prepare an easement document for distribution to all participants. The easement with the Library from last year can be used as a template.

c. Reservoir Park

A discussion ensued on grant funding for this project. There are 2 ways to do this:

- 1). What is a good project? (Fishing Pier, Perimeter Trail, Parking Lot, etc.)
- 2). How much money is available? (what are potential funding sources—ODNR etc.)

Tim Gose suggested the Parks and Recreation Committee convene a special Virtual meeting next Thursday or Friday (Sept 10 or 11) to discuss potential projects and grant possibilities. Tim will talk to Fiscal Officer Belcher to discuss funding availability from the Village.

It was determined a Special Meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday September 10, 2020 at 5:30 pm on Zoom for a 1 hr. meeting.

d. Cemetery Tree Memorial

Tim Gose indicated that an appropriate tree to plant for the memorial at Memorial Park would be a "Sweet Bay Magnolia". This suggestion came from Ted Hardesty of the EDGE Group who is a colleague of Tim.

Adjournment

It was moved by Tim Gose and seconded by Dave Martin to adjourn

Unanimous