

City of Sunbury  
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 3rd, 2021, 5:45 PM

**I. Call to Order-** Committee Chair Tim Gose opened the Sunbury Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at 5:45p.m., Wednesday November 3rd, 2021, in Council Chambers.

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

**III. Minutes-** Minutes from the October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting were reviewed.

Motion by David Martin.

Seconded by Tim Gose.

3 yeas, minutes were approved.

**IV. Visitors-** Jon Gray of the lion's club, along with his son Jacob & lions club secretary Kris Heller.

Jon Gray spoke to the members of the committee to update them on the quotes received for renovations to the lions building. Jon reported that they were not able to get much accomplished in the past month due to scheduling conflicts but will keep working until they get it achieved. However, at their last lions club meeting, the topic of the lions building was discussed & was decided as a group they would like to move forward with the project. However, he stated that they had reviewed Sunbury's Parks and Recreation Master Plan and noticed that the future layout of JR Smith Park did not include the Lions Buildings. They wanted to ensure that if they were going to spend money to get the buildings into better shape, that they were not going to be demolished. The committee verified that there is no intension of the buildings being demolished and added that the city is currently working on repairing the retaining wall at the facility. Tim Gose stated that they would not have gone through with that plan if future planning called for the buildings to be gone. He also added that the parks and recreation master plan, will evolve as time goes on, and nothing in that plan is set in stone. Jon Gray then asked the committee if they knew what the future holds for the park. Tim Gose suggested that Jon reach out to BWYSO, because they will be in control of the future of the park since it is their organization that uses the field and facility. Jon Gray committed to continuing to obtain improvement quotes & present findings at the next meeting.

**V. Old business**

**Keyless Locks**

Steve Pyles stated that he presented two quotes at the last meeting, one for \$2000 and \$500. He then presented a new quote of \$8,200, with an annual fee of \$1,800 for one lock.

**Bleachers**

Buckeye bleachers provided a quote to bring the current bleachers up to code.

Per your directive, we were able to get a quote to repair the large 5 row bleacher set at the north end of the football field – at the location of the press box structure. The quote is from a local company, Buckeye Bleacher Repair. This quote does not include the bleachers located south of the field. The quote

to bring the main bleacher area into compliance with the International Building Code (IBC) is \$16,700 and includes installation of top and side guardrails and foot planks to protect against falls. This quote led me to investigate more fully the IBC as it relates to bleachers. My research revealed that the rear height of the top seat is a crucial measure for determining the need to install back and side guards and guard rails. If the top seat is greater than 30 inches, then additional fall protection is required. The five row bleachers on the north side exceed this height, thus the need to retrofit them.

There are two options for the Committee to consider:

1. Contract to have the existing bleachers retrofitted to bring them into compliance. The current bleachers are 123' and would sit approximately 300 people.
2. Replace the existing bleachers with either a five-row compliant set of bleachers or replace with a 30" or less rise set of bleachers that do not require the additional fall protections called for in the IBC.

Regarding option #1:

While the work makes them compliant, we may still have some maintenance related to tightening bolts, assuring the integrity of the bleachers and the fact they are still aged bleachers.

Regarding option #2:

Seating for nearly 200 in a five-row compliant setting would be \$17,500.

Seating for 200+ in a four-row bleacher that is below the 30" height issue would be \$9,100.

The downside of the four-row approach is the ability to see over players standing on the sidelines. The positive for option #2 is they would be new bleachers but would require assembly and use of Sunbury staff to erect.

We would also have some scrap value in the old bleachers.

Next step -talk with youth football about how much seating they use/need on a regular basis and if the four rows would create a visibility problem.

## **Rental Policy**

Going forward, businesses wanting to use the facility will be charged a fee if they are a for profit and no fee assigned if nonprofit.

## **VI. New Business**

### **Sunbury Planters**

Plan to have a winter decorating competition on the square. 4 groups or businesses will decorate one planter, voting will be on Sunbury Facebook page for two weeks prior to Christmas on the Square. Then winner will be announced at Christmas on the Square on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Park Benches**

Tim Gose stated that he was contacted by David Parkinson about a surplus of park benches from a local contractor. There are currently 9 benches with concrete pads which would cost \$11,000. It was discussed and the committee determined they don't know where all 9 benches should be placed. David Parkinson suggested that an alternative solution could be to buy just the benches and store them until

they could determine where they want them located, also making the cost closer to \$8,000 without concrete. Dave Martin stated that in the past, residents would purchase benches as a memorial for their loved ones. Then it is proposed that Sunbury could buy the benches, and have anyone wanting to have a memorial bench, only pay for the concrete.

## Natureworks

City of Sunbury  
NatureWorks and Trail Grant Funding  
Summary  
11.3.22

Ohio Fallen Heroes MUT Phase	Construction Cost Estimate	Engineering	Total Project Cost	Delaware County TAP	PPDC CTIG	Total Funding	Local Share
1	\$ 81,582	\$ 25,700	\$ 107,282	\$ 39,262	\$ -	\$ 39,262	\$ 68,020
2	\$ 123,555	\$ 32,000	\$ 155,555	\$ 55,000	\$ 64,400	\$ 119,400	\$ 36,155
3	\$ 101,137	\$ 30,541	\$ 131,678	\$ 50,568	\$ -	\$ 50,568	\$ 81,110
4	\$ 108,500	\$ 35,500	\$ 144,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 104,000
Column Totals	\$ 414,774	\$ 123,741	\$ 538,515	\$ 144,830	\$ 104,400	\$ 249,230	\$ 289,285

Reservoirs Park	Construction Cost Estimate	Engineering	Total Project Cost	NatureWorks	Local Share
Phase 1	\$ 159,287	\$ 5,000	\$ 164,287	\$ -	\$ 164,287
Phase 2	\$ 162,800	\$ 40,900	\$ 203,700	\$ 40,000	\$ 163,700
Column Totals	\$ 322,087	\$ 45,900	\$ 367,987	\$ 40,000	\$ 327,987

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Cindi Cooper stated that she noticed flooding on the new trail and asked if there is anything we can do to minimize flooding.

Dave Parkinson answered that the trail isn't finished yet and anticipated reduced flooding once the final grading is done.

Dave Martin asked if it is unreasonable to ask contractors to tarp their equipment when not in use. The recent trail being built brought in several large pieces of equipment. Dave was out walking one evening and noticed kids playing on the equipment and wanted to come up with a solution for preventing injuries.

Dave Parkinson answered that we would be able to make that request, it would just most likely cost a little more money.

## VII. Adjournment

Motion by Dave Martin.

Seconded by Tim Gose.

Motion approved, unanimous, 6:28p