

Parks Minutes

February 22, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Marty

Members Present: Marty Hura, Don Buchert, John Clark (alternate), and Ashlee Hawkins

Motion to excuse Giles Seith by John second by Don all yeas

Nominations for chair: Don nominated Marty second by John all yeas

Others Present: Mayor Clark and Edie Benner

Mayor swore in Ashlee and Don for another term

Motion to except the Dec 2016 minutes by John second by Marty all yeas except Ashlee who was not present

1. Marty brought up about leasing/renting a section of the park to a private kayak business. Mayor explained that we would have to bid it out and that other company's say they would also bid. It is public access now to any canoe/kayak business for drop off and pick up. Motion not to move forward to rent or lease any park property to private businesses. By Don second by Marty all yeas
2. Don- sill plates at lodge- still not done yet, Plaque for fireplace at lodge for Benner Masonry not done yet. New sign for lodge and legion not done yet. Mayor to remind V.A.
3. Don has new list for V.A. split rail fence on trail by the observation decks needs repaired or replaced by Mantaline (looks like someone hit it). Chain link fence along river by playground equipment- top rail broken off looks like it needs a coupling – NEED to get done before spring.
4. Pasted out rails to trails paperwork from Rotary for signage. Committee will review and discuss next month.
5. Portage Parks district wants to finish western Headwater Trail. And have ownership. We received a grant back in 2002. In that paperwork it states that we have to retain ownership for 15 years. So we can't do paper work until fall of 2018. Chris Craycroft is going to her board and see if we can do an agreement until then and they go ahead and finish trail. Mayor Clark also told Edie Benner that she has a set of the final plans for the Mill St. connector for her to take.
6. DMRC and Rose Baglia donation to park – Rose would like Benches with plaques (not the concrete and wood like we have now). Marty and Mayor will look and get pricing.
7. PARKS IMPROVEMENTS Marty brought up want do we want to do and how to move forward. It was discussed on moving the pony tail field to the north side of High. The Mayor that it can be done with the proper permits and funding, but some sections are in the floodway as well as in the flood plan. She asked Cuyahoga scenic river group for their opinion. They have not gotten it to her yet. But, they were concerned that removing so many trees and raising the area that it would cause erosion in that area. Parks decided not to move the field over to the north side. They did decide that at this time, because Bruce (V.A.) has been meeting with the 12 teams that will be using the 2 fields on the north side of High. What the tentative plan is to get done this year for the teams is:

1. Grade the area where there are humps along 1st base line smooth them out and make sure the field is in regulation size.
2. Replace the infield dirt.
3. Get pricing on the fence along the sides where the bleachers are.
4. Get pricing on new bleachers.
5. Address the flooding issue along the west side where the Vet Clinic's parking lot is and put in drainage.
6. Fix the drive and parking area with stone. It was then discussed about possibly.

Don suggested also investigating scaling back on the dog park and see what we want to do there and see what grants may be available. Everyone agreed to think on this and talk to CT.

Edie Benner asked if the ponytail field to the festival grounds, everyone said it warrants checking into and talking to CT.

Edie asked if it was alright for DMRC to look for grants for the projects. Parks said yes but not to apply without approval.

Motion to adjourn at 8 p.m. by don second by John all yeas.

Edie left without taking the Mill Street plans. Mayor said she would get them Eric at the Land Mark meeting on Saturday.