

Parks Meeting

March 16, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:34 by Marty Hura

Members present: Marty Hura, Don Buchert, Randy Weaver, Giles Seith, and Ashlee Hawkins

Others present: Mayor Clark Liam Hawkins, Greg Kovar, Bob Koslosky and Greg B

Motion to accept the minutes: by Randy second by Marty all yeas

Mayor Clark spoke to Greg and Bob from the ponytail league. She thanked them for the continued use of the south field. They discussed the ongoing discussions that Parks have been having regarding fixing up the area and asked them that as we move forward would they have a problem with moving the girls field over to the north park area (either next year or after). Both Greg and Bob had no issue with that. They actually that it would be a good idea. We told them our ideas for updating playground equipment, fencing in that whole section with a safe decorative fence, a dog park, and a splash park etc. We told them that we would keep them informed as decisions were made.

Mayor Clark informed the committee that she spoke with Kendra from Camp Hi, the first time she talked to her, Kendra thought the tree in the middle of the turn-a-round should come down as she felt it was still too tight. Kendra and the Mayor spoke today and Kendra said that she felt the tree should stay. Randy asked the Mayor to reconfirm as he had a message from Kendra that said the tree should come down. Mayor is going to contact her again. The Mayor said that she had called Brugmann's when she was meeting with Todd Peetz from regional planning about the RTP grant to upgrade and making enhancements to the trail. To get a price for the stone for the trail, Brugmann's said they couldn't meet the quote that she had. The Mayor also asked Brugmann's to give her a quote for the base stone and top coat for the turnaround. Brugmann's said that they would donate 3 loads to do the turnaround (enough to do the whole area), approximately \$1200.00. All yeas to accept the donation

Don brought up that many of the benches at the park need work. Can we ask Kendra if they can use the \$150.00 donation that Camp Hi made to Parks for making repairs to benches and tables at the Park? Also ask her that since they had pledged to help with the turnaround project by paying for the gravel, would they be interested in making a donation to parks improvement fund since Brugmann's are donating the gravel. All yeas

Mayor Clark explained to the committee what Council had decided regarding the RTP grant- we are applying for the stone to repave the trails from Corp to Corp, put ins some drainage pipe in areas where needed and clean the area up. Total amount of grant around 40 to 45K. Mayor explained that P.P. came to the Council meeting and asked that Council include a ramp at the west end by Mennonite for and additional 140K. While it would complete the Village section of trail. Council did not want to commit to that this year. The grant is due in a week and half and we have no plans drawn and no cost of our own. We just can't do it this year.

Marty brought up about the Nature Works grant, due May 01, 2016, Do we think we have enough time to get something together. It was decided to work on it for next year. All yeas

Greg B from DMRC spoke to committee- about a free tree conference on April 08 if anyone could attend. Marty said he was going to Tree City conference in May with the Mayor. That DMRC is meeting at Lamplighter on May 13 and after meeting walk the north area of the trails to see what needs cleaned up , so that they can schedule what they will do on the 21st. He also told us about Camp HI's River day Canoe race on May 21. Marty interrupted him and advised that we have a dead line to complete our projects (benches- turn around etc) by May 15th. Greg continued – Nat'l Parks Service is going to do a dedication swamp plaque on July 9. Greg also advised us that the Robert Thomas memorial is in need of repairs. The 2K that DMRC received they would like to use to upgrade the Kiosk with a new format. He showed us plans, Randy said to hold that for now. Greg said DMRCE needed keys to open them. The Mayor said she thought that Jim Oster had them as he and his wife painted and updated them the last time it was done. Next Greg brought up that there need to be some changes made to the Village web page. Mayor told Greg to email them to Michele Stuck, the web page manager. Ashlee said to email them to her and she would forward them to Michele.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35