

Parks Minutes

April 17, 2019

Called meeting to order at 6:30

Members present: Marty Hura, Don Buchert, Lisa Z. Ashley Hawkins, Scott Weaver

Others present: Mayor Clark, Greg B., Randall Roberts, Steve Zabor and Edie Benner

Motion to accept the March minutes by Scott second by Marty all yeas

**Randal Roberts Buckeye Trail Town** Mr. Roberts did a present on the Buckeye Trail Trails 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it is 1400 miles long the longest loop trail in the USA. They have 15,000 volunteers and 1 full time employee that maintain the trail. There are 5 chapters, we are part of the Crooked River. He said Mantua has 5 support groups in the Village, one supplies housing for those traveling the trail, one for equipment rental and 3 food sources.

The Buckeye Trail is holding on July 20, 2019 "The Little Loop Challenge" and they are trying to get volunteers to participate on completing 250 miles and looking for sponsors.

Also, May 16, 2019 is their Annual "Trailfest". You can go to their website [Buckeyetrail.org](http://Buckeyetrail.org)

**Natureworks round 26 grant** idea presented by Edie Benner, DMRC would like the Village to apply for the phase 2 Buchert Trail extension. This year Natureworks has \$58,233.00. DMRC will be voting on Thursday April 18, 2019 to pay for the match. The Application is due June 01, 2019. This would be completing the loop around the Village Park. Jennifer Brown from CT would be doing the application, engineering drawings and cost. Scott asked what if the grant is not approved. Mayor Clark advised they could apply in February for the Recreational Trail/Clean Ohio from the state from Mr. Hammonds. Scott then asked exactly location on High Street would the trail be? We need the design before Council. Scott Weaver made a motion to have legislation made and move it forward to Council for the May 14, meeting. Lisa Z. did the second, all yeas. They asked Marty to contact Jennifer Brown to let her know Parks approves and is sending it to Council, but will need firm figures. And to copy Edie and Jennifer in an email.

**Bike Racks** Steve Zabor asked if the rotary could put up 2 bike racks in front of the coffee shop. He had signed permission from the coffee shop. Marty made a motion Lisa seconded it all yeas.

Steve also would like to put one or two in front of the Rail Depot. (he has signed approval from Charlie English). He also asked about the Rails to Trails sign. Mayor Clark advised they had already approved the sign with a TBA of location at the Depot.

Steve then asked about, Charlie would like to move the M A N T U A sign in the grass north of the Depot. He was advised that that is a zoning question. Mayor Clark said she would talk the V.A. and they would contact Charlie as it might require paper work. Steve then asked about putting in tracks, again a zoning question.

Motion to adjourn at 7:36 by Scott second by Lisa all yes