

Parks Minutes

October 16, 2019

Ashlee called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members present: Ashlee Hawkins, Scott Weaver, Don Buchert, Marty Hura and Lisa Zamecnik

Others present: Cookie Vanek, Mayor Clark, Steve Zabor, Charlie English and Jenny August

Motion to approve the Parks minutes by Lisa second by Don all yeas

Steve Zabor addressed parks stating that he attend the CRWT event and picked up the Villages plaque, paddle and flag. Parks thanked him.

Steve continued on about interpretive signs. The one that is already approved at the Depot and he stated he was here to inform and get consent. On the Ox bow interpretive signs that they want to put in place. He has already talked with Adam W. from ODNR and Christine Craycroft from Portage Parks they have agreed that the signs would be very informative but want to view the language on them for final approval.

He then turned the floor over to Charlie, who gave us a brief history about the Ox Bow. In the 1850's the Ox Bow as put into place changing the curvature of the Cuyahoga River to put the Rail Road in and eliminating the placement of 3 bridges... Charlie stated that the Village has a lot to offer with the 3 nature's preserves and the Hike and Bike Trails. The plan is to put up 3 interpretive signs at the locations of where the River was filled in to eliminate having to put in the Bridges.

Charlies went on to ask for permission to bring equipment I to clear brush and trim some trees (see attached photos of the before and after). He would like us to speak to the V.A. and get his permission to do that and also some minimal assistant's from the service department with the use of a chipper and dump truck to help remove the trimmings. Charlie will also be assisted by a former Davey Tree employee (retired). He would also have volunteers and they will sign volunteer wavier forms. Parks said they are fine with it but, speak with John Trew the V.A. The Mayor she would go over it with John and if he has questions will have him contact Charlie.

Marty asked Steve about the other signs that were approved but have yet to be put in place. Steve said he was slow in getting them put in but, will continue to work on getting them installed. The Mayor asked about the bike racks that the Cranes have purchased but, are not in yet. Steve said there was a problem with the addition plaque the Cranes wanted put on the racks, but that should be worked out soon.

Playground equipment The Mayor stated she had been contacted by a resident about the backhoe digger being broken. She contacted Dave A from the S.D. and he went and checked it out. Dave removed it from the park to make repairs. After getting it to the shop he found it was beyond repair. Dave sent the Mayor a website for a replacement digger. She presented picture that Marty and her picked out and asked for them to decide. Scott made a motion to have Dave order the stainless steel digger for \$499.00 second by Don all yeas. The Mayor said she would talk to Dave.

Jenny August, Village Clerk

First Jenny was there to present to parks a list of non-compliance items at the lodge that was given to her from Theresa Nielsen from Portage County board of Elections (see attached). Jenny had shared it finance and they told her it should go to Parks. (see attached). Jenny went on to say that she was told that there are grants that Parks can apply for to do these items. The Mayor said the V.A. had been at a meeting with Ms. Nielsen and so he was aware of issues.

Jenny then presented Parks with section 951 of the Village codified 951.01, 951.02 and 951.03 (see attached) Jenny told them they need to review this and decide what to do. We only have Chelsea handling the park lodge and pavilions she does the rental and checking and if the water and sewer plants go away who will do it. She went on to say that one of our past council people used to do it for \$350.00 a month but there was an ethics violations with her getting paid. Don said he thought that fell until the V.A. to handle who would do it.

Parks to take the codified sections home and review for next month and speak to the V.A.

Motion to adjourn by Ashlee at 7:32 second by Scott all yeas