

PARKS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2016

Meeting called to order by Don Buchert

Members present: Ashlee Hawkins, Don Buchert, alternate John Clark

Motion to excuse Marty, Giles and Randy by Ashlee second by Don all yes

Others Present: Mayor Clark, Dough Hershman, Pam Holliday and David Bultinck

Motion to accept minutes- tabled no quorum from August meeting

Doug and Pam gave a presentation for their company Breakaway Excursions- they are involved in everything from Kayaking, archery, biking etc. They have 35 high performance kayaks. They are an adventures based company. They want to lay down roots Mantua as their home base and would like to rent/lease property from the Village at the east end of the park by the river. They teach boating safety, stewardship and kayak training. Doug says they give a discount for kayakers that bring back debris. They have spent a weekend cleaning up the river from north of the High St bridge to the other side of the Mats Road Bridge and that you can actually get under the Mats Rd bridge now.

Concerns from Don- Insurance, multiple contract. Doug said they will have insurance to cover them and the Village.

Mayor is contacting Akron Watershed (Mark Bennett) to see how they handled the leasing for public property. Mayor will also contact Cleveland Metro on how they do also. Motion to bring the terms and conditions to council by Don, second by Ashlee all yeas.

Randy had asked in August how much a Boat/Canoe Access sign would cost and have it put on High St by the traffic light.

Jeff Benner had contacted the Mayor in reference to a plaque that he says that the Village promised him for donating the First place at the lodge (\$1800.00?) in memory of Dr. Knowlton and Merle Benner (this was back in 95 or before). The Mayor asked if anyone was on the committee back then and could remember anything about this. Don said he thought Phil Sage was on Parks at the time and that he promised that parks would do something. Don suggested that we contact the Signist and see if the can make something for us.

Don has suggested by we paint the sill plates going into the lodge either yellow or red to draw attention to the step up. Need to speak to the Village Admin. Mayor said we still need to do the stenciling on the doors.

Motion to adjourn at 8:05 by John second by Don all yeas