

Parks Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Don Buchert

Member Present: Randy Weaver, Don Buchert and John Clark

Motion to excuse Giles, Ashlee and Marty by John second by Randy all yeas

Others Present: Greg B., Edie B., Sue Steinberg, Helen Hazlett and Kendra Becker

Motion to accept the August 2016 minutes by Randy Second by Don all yeas

Motion to accept the October minutes by John second by Don all yeas

Mayor asked Parks to change their meeting from December 21st to Dec 6th with service so they can go over the Mill St connector and the park plan. Starting around 7ish after service. And cancelling shade tree for Dec

Breakaway excursions- we have received information from Akron Water shed and from Kent on how they handle leases of private property. Cleveland Metro still corresponding with them on their ideas.

Helen and Kendra are here expressing their concerns about letting a startup company set up at the Park. Mayor Clark explained that they have approved us and we have listened but NO decisions have been made by Parks or Council. We are checking out all avenues. Helen said that they (Breakaway) rented kayaks during the Potato Festival and that the (Camp Hi) suspend use of the park during that time, so as not to cause congestion with picking up their clients. Mayor Clark explained that Breakaway it is her understanding worked directly with the Potato Festival. Mayor Clark went on to say that she had heard only good things by adding kayak rentals during the Festival. Helen stated that they pay for the use of take outs. Mayor Clark said she was aware they Camp Hi has an agreement with Akron Water Shed for the use of it: property for drop off and pick up of clients. Mayor called also said the Breakaway inform here that they have a pending agreement with Akron Water shed. Again, Mayor stated that no decisions have been made regarding possible biding/lease public Village property at this time. Helen said if the Village decides to do so they want to bid. Helen and Kendra are also concerned that they wouldn't have access to the park if this were to happen. Randy stated that it is a PUBLIC park and everyone will always have access for loading and unloading. Mayor Clark stated by we have gotten pricing on signage directing everyone to the public access.

John explained the Watershed plan that was presented to Council by Katherine Holmok from Environmental Group and Jessica Glowczewski from Akron Water Shed.

Plaque for lodge as a memorial for Dr. Knowlton and Merle Benner as promised in the 90's. Mayor said she hasn't had time to get any estimates for it yet.

Sill plates at lodge building- V.A. has been advised and will take care of it.

Mayor Clark advised that the Soap Box group came to Council and has asked if they can move forward with repairing the roof, soffit, some electrical and put in a door wide enough to get the go carts into the building. Council made a motion to allow them do so

Conceptual plans for upgrading the Park

1. Organized recreation (north side) upgrade the fields, new benches and bleachers back stops, pave parking areas, concession stand security lighting. Add a new field (moving the girls' field on south side to north). Don asked if the youth football would still be there and the cost is almost ¾ of million just for the north side. Mayor Clark brought in about the new field being situated in the flood area and that it can be filled in with proper permits. Plus working around tree removal- were limited on when we can do so because of the bats and other animals in that area as well as any fauna that can't be disturbed. Randy said we need to contact on the floodplain with

Army Corp or ODNR or CT as doing that paper work takes a long time to get permitting. Edie asked with CT hadn't addressed that in the plans and DMRC had paid them \$5K for this drawing.

2. Facility Cluster- Edie explained that it was by the Pot Fest bldg. and the lodge (to be put in between the 2 bldgs. and remove the Soap box bldg. That the new building would host overhead doors and well as changing rooms, restrooms. Don again cost is almost \$1 million. Where can we get funding for something like this. Mayor said Council is not comfortable with going after reimbursable grants right now.
3. Casual Recreation: Mayor Clark said in her opinion she would not put the playground and the splash park up by the road. Edie said it would be fenced in. Edie said that way we can remove the fence along the river for picnic tables, fishing, etc. Mayor called said there is no fishing at the park. Edie said why and it can be changed to allow it. Randy said there are signs posted no fishing. Don and Randy said there need to be a fence along the river. Edie said why there wasn't a fence when I was growing up. Mayor and Don said were older then you and there was always a fence when we played down there. Don and Randy said they want a fence along the river. Don said again this is a \$1.1 mill project.
4. Improvement areas. Don said maybe we should look at the dog park. Randy said that would be a good place to start. Show people some improvements. Greg said at the Arts and Ales they did a survey of what should be in the dog park. Places to sit, obstacle course type area for pets, separate areas for large and small dogs. Randy thinks that is the place to start and Don says its only \$129,000.00
5. Event Park. It was discussed relocation of water and electrical service. Edie said we have to remove those electric poles as they are in the ways for other events. John explained even if the electric was underground there would still connections above ground. Edie said they can bring in those big light for the Pot Fest and run extensions cords. It was explained that it doesn't work that way.

In the end it was decided that the committee as a whole needs to review the plan before it goes any further.

Mayor Clark asked Greg, what is was that Rotary wanted to talk to Parks about. Greg said they have some funds that they want to use for kiosk. Greg asked if they could come on Dec 6th, Mayor asked them to email what they want/have to do. Then we can schedule them for January.

Motion to adjourn at 8:02 by John Second by Don all yeas