

**PARKS BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 18, 2023  
6:30 PM**

Nina Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Don Buchert, Marty Hura, Nina Schroeder, Scott Weaver, Cookie Vanek

**Other Village Personnel Present:** Mayor Linda Clark

**Citizens/Others Present:** DMRC Liaison Phil Rath

- ❖ Motion to approve November 16, 2022 minutes made by Don, seconded by Cookie; all “ayes.”
- ❖ Motion to name Nina as chair made by Scott, seconded by Don; all “ayes.”

**Old Business:**

- Council approved the work authorization for Phase 4 at the January 17, 2023 meeting.
  - The mayor contacted members of the DMRC to initiate their payment.
  
- Discussion about Phase 5 projects continued.
  - Concerns about a temporary pickleball court on one half of the basketball courts arose:
    - When will the court be available for pickleball versus basketball, and who will be responsible for placing/removing the temporary net?
    - Another option was considered: the mayor will ask the Service Department to measure the concrete slab near pavilion #2 and Katie’s Meadow to determine if it is large enough to accommodate a temporary pickleball court.
  
  - The mayor expressed concern about a utility pole near the volleyball court; it may be too close to the court to increase its footprint to regulation size. The mayor will ask the Service Department to inspect and measure this, too.
    - Additionally, the village has a contract with the Potato Festival Committee; the mayor recommended consulting the contract to make sure this project would not violate that contract.
  
  - The mayor recommended determining whether both pavilion floors need replaced or just pavilion #1.
  
  - Nina was unable to locate any local, state, or federal rules against fishing the Cuyahoga River at Buchert Park, but she will continue to research.
    - The mayor recommended scouring the Zoning Codes, as Marty expressed concerns about no-fishing signs and past enforcement issues.
    - Marty recommended increased signage to help prevent excessive dog waste, and Phil brought up scarecrow-like coyote statues, like those used on golf courses, which would help prevent bird waste.

### **New Business:**

- Phil recommended getting CT Consultants involved in Phase 5 conversations now to provide accurate cost estimates up-front so that the DMRC can have informed discussions about which of these projects they can financially support at present and which would have to be saved for later phases.
- The board reviewed the literature provided by the mayor about Streetsboro's parks and will use its language/pricing models to help inform future phase and MOU discussions (e.g., how beneficial is the program or equipment to the community; how is the program subsidized based upon its necessity?).
- Scott recommended reserving the park for the Triple Trail Festival on June 2-3.
  - The mayor said a Special Event Form must be completed and proof of insurance must be provided.
- The Soap Box Derby is scheduled for June 17, but Phil mentioned its cancellation last year, and Marty warned that it may be canceled again this year, given the poor condition of E. High St., and the mayor speculated that the road may have to be skim-coated.
- Phil asked about completing the walking trail that was partially paved in Phase 3, making it a fully paved loop.
  - Marty said that he was able to navigate the unpaved trail by the river on a scooter, but the gravel along E. High St. is very rough.
  - Nina asked if the DMRC would be willing to fund the engineering costs that would arise from investigating the village's ability to pave/complete the loop within the floodplain.
    - Phil will discuss this (as well as the other engineering costs of Phase 5 projects) with the DMRC.
- Marty advised the mayor that a porta-potty, which should have been removed for the winter, is still at the park.
  - The mayor has already handled this matter.
- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. made by Scott, seconded by Cookie; all "ayes."