

**PARKS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2022
6:30 PM**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

Other Village Personnel Present: Mayor Linda Clark, Council President Tammy Meyer

Citizens Present: Phil Rath

- ❖ Motion to excuse Don made by Scott, seconded by Marty; all “ayes” given.
- ❖ Motion to approve minutes from February 16, 2022 made by Scott, seconded by Marty; all “ayes” given.

Old Business:

- The mayor reports that Buchert Park Phase 3 projects will be underway soon and will include the installation of flashing crosswalk signs on High St., where the walkway intersects; part-gravel, part-asphalt walkways circumnavigating the land and river on the north side of High St.
- The mayor reports that Buchert Park Phase 4 is progressing.
 - The Village received \$2,500 from the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee (DMRC) to compensate CT Consultants for their work on the grant application process.
 - Once the application has been finalized, it will be sent to the DMRC (along with the total cost of the project) so that the DMRC can approve payment.

New Business:

- The Crestwood Ponytail League (CPL) Secretary Jacque Senkar contacted Nina about repairing benches and bleachers at the south ball field. Both Scott and Nina inspected the structures and verified that a bolt is missing on the western dugout bench and that at least one or more boards on both bleachers are rotting and should be replaced.
 - The mayor will ask Village Administrator Maryann Fabian to ensure that the Service Department inspects that ballfield.
 - The mayor will also contact the CPL.
- The mayor relays to Phil and the DMRC that Council motioned to not apply for any more grants this year, as the Village aims to be even more conservative after a substantial shortfall in license fee tax income (a 39% decrease).
 - Current grants and projects in progress include:
 - W. Franklin St. pavement and storm sewer replacement;
 - Buchert Park Phase 3;
 - Buchert Park Phase 4;
 - ODNR Paddling Enhancement Grant;
 - Canada Rd. pavement.

- Phil reports that two broken commemorative benches are being repaired and replaced.
 - Broc Benner and Phil are tending to the broken benches.
 - The DMRC will pay for their replacement and for the repair supplies.
- The mayor reports that she does not believe the Village had any hand in the damages, as the Service Department does not plow the sidewalks.
 - The mayor recommends moving the benches each winter henceforth so that they are not at risk for damage which may occur during snow removal or wintertime road and sidewalk care.
- The mayor reports that some of the Village's trail signs and benches are missing. She's unsure why or when they went missing. The mayor and Steve Zabor have reached out to Christine Craycroft of the Portage Park District to see if she is aware or has any information.
- ❖ Motion to name Nina as Chair of Parks Board for 2022 made by Scott, seconded by Marty; all but Nina voted in favor.
- ❖ Motion to adjourn made by Scott at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Marty; all "ayes" given.