

**PARKS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2021
6:30 PM**

Don called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

Other Village Personnel Present: Mayor Linda Clark

Citizens Present: None

- ❖ Motion to approve minutes from April 21, 2021 made by Scott, seconded by Cookie; all “ayes” given.

Old Business:

- Phase 2 repairs are nearing completion. Phase 3 has been approved but is on hold until Phase 2 is finalized.
- The western pavilion’s concrete repair is complete and cracks are being treated with crack sealant.
- The basketball court is being updated with new backboards, nets, and hoops.
- The Rotary Club donated the following to update the volleyball court: sand, matting for the base of the court; the net; padding to cushion the net’s poles. Installation is largely complete.
- Our IT department is working to install cameras at the park and the computer for viewing footage at the Police Department.
 - Planned locations for cameras include video coverage of Katie’s Meadow, the entrance to the Lodge, the western pavilion, the river’s access ramp, and the playground.
 - Internet access at the park is on hold while Mayor Clark works with AT&T to determine an exact location for installation.
- Repairs to the crumbling time capsule began on May 19, 2021, should be complete before Memorial Day.
- The directional sign for Aetna Plastics has been installed.
- The Board received a response to the Village’s Paddling Enhancement Grant application.
 - The application was denied. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the agency received too many applications and does not have the funds to accommodate all applicants.

New Business:

- Illegal dumping has occurred happened at the park. Dumpsters were filled; this is being investigated so that the culprit may be identified and cited.
- According to the most recent DMRC minutes, the Committee discussed potential improvements to the mini-park on Main St. Such improvement ideas include replacing

railings, adding planters/plants, and relocating the commemorative boulder presently at Canada Rd. to the mini-park.

- The Board discussed in detail the DMRC's desire to submit a Natureworks grant application, which must be postmarked by June 1, 2021. This grant would provide up to \$30K toward funding the construction of a multi-restroom facility at Buchert Park. DMRC would pay application costs, contribute \$10K toward construction, and commit to funding its maintenance and upkeep for three years post-construction. Mock-up images and preliminary ideas were provided by the DMRC, but no official documentation has been made available yet to explicate the true costs of design, engineering, construction, ongoing maintenance, upkeep, water/sewer costs, etc.
 - The Parks Board supports the idea of constructing restrooms that provide running water and facilities with plenty of space for dressing; this would be of use, for example, to teams and league players changing in and out of gear and uniforms. It would be an attractive addition to the park and would increase accessibility to park goers.
 - - The park currently supplies four portable toilets, one of which is handicap-accessible.
 - Initial concerns raised by the Parks Board regard the many aforementioned unknown costs i.e., the total cost of construction; the cost of maintenance and upkeep; possible vandalism, theft, and consequent costs, etc.
 - Village funds are particularly limited at this time due to delayed income/subsidization from higher governmental agencies (a result of various Covid-19-related payment extensions and postponed payment collections); consequentially, the Village does not presently have the funds to commit to the unknown costs of constructing such a facility.
 - The Board wishes to see a more detailed proposal and an evidence-based budget before moving forward with a rushed application for the Natureworks grant.

- ❖ Motion to adjourn made by Scott at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Don; all "ayes" given.