

**PARKS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2021
6:30 PM**

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

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

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

Citizens Present: Phil Rath

- ❖ Motion to accept amended minutes from June 16, 2021 made by Scott, seconded by Don; all “ayes” given.

Old Business:

- Buchert Park Phase 3 approved as of August 16, 2021.
- Buchert Park Phase 2 budget is being reviewed to determine whether remaining funds should be allocated for wireless cameras or burying line underground.
 - Prices and budgetary matters are processed through CT Consultants.

New Business:

- Phil Rath, owner of Village businesses Compass Packaging and The Chilling Station, notes that he has been a member of the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee for three-four years and helps the DMRC with grants and appropriating money fundraised by the DMRC. Phil wants to put said funds to work.
 - Phil acknowledges that the DMRC wants to work jointly with the Village and the Parks Board to prioritize and fund projects.
 - Phil would like the Parks Board to rank projects so that the DMRC can contribute money they have raised and utilize the “interagency agreement” that allows the DMRC to float funds to the Village, that are then refunded via reimbursable grants.
 - Funds are reimbursed to the DMRC when the Village is reimbursed by the grant.
 - Making the Pavilion #1 walkway ADA-compliant, replacing the concrete floor in the same pavilion, replacing the heaving basketball court, constructing restrooms—these are the projects that both the Parks Board and the DMRC prioritize.
 - Phil notes that he believes Brock Benner and the Rotary Club have both volunteered resources and/or labor toward at least one of these projects.
 - Don expresses that his first concern is security and vandalism; the Board has been unable to adequately address these matters because our budget is scant.

- Marty expresses that his concern is ongoing maintenance; considering our funds are so limited, who/what party will be expected to finance and provide labor for the continuing maintenance of the projects Phil brought up?
 - Mayor Clark acknowledges how generous the DMRC has been in supplementing projects and matching Village expenditures.
 - She received a quote from Brock Benner at Benner Masonry to replace the heaving basketball court concrete for \$6-7K (she did not have the exact quote on hand), but she was unaware of any donation offered—as Phil had mentioned. Nonetheless, Mayor Clark agrees that correcting the heave in the basketball court is a top priority.
 - Mayor Clark notes that the eastern Pavilion #1 (nearest to Mantaline) is not fully handicap accessible because the asphalt sidewalk that stretches between the driveway and the pavilion is narrow and sunken and needs replaced; she agrees that this project is also a priority.
 - The Board would also like to see ADA-compliant picnic tables added to pavilions.
 - Phil states that we should prioritize projects to have a leg up on February grant writing.
 - The February grant discussed is reimbursable, and he and the DMRC would like to see this grant channeled toward constructing bathrooms.
 - In the meantime and with the aid of the DMRC, we can focus on smaller, more manageable projects that aren't tied to grants, that nevertheless are important, useful, increase traffic, and improve aesthetics.
 - The Board agrees that safety issues should be addressed prior to building restrooms.
 - The Board will further consider projects to prioritize and to share with Phil and the DMRC.
- ❖ Motion to adjourn made by Marty at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Scott; all “ayes” given.

