

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

Nina Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Other Village Personnel Present: None

Citizens/Others Present: DMRC Liaison Phil Rath

- ❖ Motion to excuse Don Buchert made by Cookie Vanek, seconded by Marty Hura; all “ayes.”
- ❖ Motion to approve October 19, 2022 minutes made by Scott, seconded by Cookie; all “ayes.”

Old Business:

- The Ohio Department of Natural Resources awarded Mantua Village \$23,116 to help fund Phase 4 improvements at the basketball court and pavilion walkways.
- All the money awarded to Portage County was granted to the village.
 - The ODNR seems to be rewarding the village’s track record of project completion via DMRC’s ready-to-use funding.
 - Parks Board gave many thank-yous to the DMRC for its support and generosity.
 - Additionally, Compass Packaging plans to donate \$5,000 to the DMRC’s current Friends Campaign and to ask that it be earmarked for Parks.
 - The board thanked Phil, Compass, and the DMRC.
 - Another DMRC fundraiser (the reverse raffle) will be held in April.

New Business:

- The mayor provided literature about Streetsboro’s parks to propel discussion about revenue streams.
 - All agreed that the board needs to analyze true maintenance/operating costs at village parks to be able to recommend rate changes.
- Regarding Phase 5, safety suggestions and priority projects discussed at prior meetings were further deliberated, and this list was generated for CT Consultants (for their input and pricing):
 - Make the volleyball court regulation size to welcome league play.
 - The board considered expansion, drainage, and power for lighting nighttime games.
 - Replace the pavilion floors and add more grills to pavilion areas.
 - Construct a temporary pickle ball court on one side of the basketball courts (should it be determined that a half court’s footprint will accommodate this).
- Looking ahead to future phases, all agreed to prioritize and propel the following discussions:

- Removing the fence along the river (Eric Hummel volunteered this service at no cost, per an email from DMRC President Edie Benner);
 - Creating a barrier around the playground and defining a formal playground footprint/capping its future expansion;
 - Allowing use of the Lodge bathroom to an official volleyball league;
 - Constructing a temporary bathroom (tapping into existing lines, relying upon an existing structure) versus a permanent or standalone structure;
 - Employing a solar panel program to power the pavilions (and decorations, like wreaths);
 - Decreasing the number of messes left by dog owners.
- Parks Board canceled the December 2022 meeting and will convene again on January 18, 2023.
- ❖ Motion to adjourn made by Scott at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Marty; all “ayes.”