



Parks Committee Meeting January 25, 2012

Call to Order:

Barb Schwartz called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Barb Schwartz, Larry Landis, Sue Cox and Bonnie Gordon. Absent: Kathy Rhoads and Roger Kilgore is on vacation,

Approval of Minutes:

Sue Cox made a motion to approve the minutes of December 28, 2011, and the motion was seconded by Bonnie Gordon. Two Aye votes. Larry Landis and Barb Schwartz abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

Parks & Streets Commissioner's Report:

The Commissioner's report was submitted by Jon Sobczak and is attached to these minutes. Mr. Sobczak noted this is the catch up time for the Department. Mrs. Schwartz asked Mr. Sobczak for future meetings the report be handed out before the meeting.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

New Business:

A gentleman sent an email suggesting having poles to represent the Giants' heights. The Committee discussed a location that would make common sense. A possible placement would be next to the Historical Society with something more decorative than poles.

Why has the Cy Hewit Park entrance been closed? Mr. Sobczak reported that it has always been closed since he started. Cy Hewit is one of the last places the Department gets to clear. It is to also help deter turfing. It was noted the Police Officers would like it open so they can see what is going on and citizens would like to walk. It was discussed about getting a camera to help deter vandalism. It was noted that people can walk around the chain. Mrs. Schwartz asked why is the road flooded after a lot of rain. Mr. Sobczak said the clay drainage tiles have been busted throughout the park. Mr. Sobczak would like to contact an engineering service to see what can be done. Mrs. Schwartz would like Mr. Sobczak to check with BOPA before using a service.

Mr. Sobczak is cleaning out the brush in the tree line at Cy Hewit Park. Mr. Sobczak said that it is years of accumulation of past projects. Mr. Sobczak explained that the summer work load makes it hard to get it done during the summer.

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New Business (cont.):

The 2012 plans by Park's are not expected tonight. Mrs. Schwartz asked Mr. Sobczak and the Committee to compile a list of what needs to be done at each park because this falls into the budget process. Mr. Sobczak would like to see 18 dead trees removed and replaced at Leohr Park. The entrance signs to the Parks could be replaced. The signs have not been maintained in the last two years. Mr. Sobczak will meet with Mark Switzer, Scout Master, and discuss possible Troop projects for replacing the signs.

Mr. Landis suggested putting a sign at Cy Hewit explaining no motorized vehicles beyond the chain. Mr. Sobczak confirmed that emergency personnel do know how to get beyond the chain.

Chief Burson commented summer has the most activity and Mr. Sobczak has a valid concern for this time of year.

Mrs. Venus of Funky Junk has a bolted bench in front of her store and would like it removed to use the space for advertisement. After discussion, Mr. Sobczak has been asked to remove the bench and put it next to the Historical Society. Larry Landis made a motion to move the bench and Bonnie Gordon seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

License update. At this time, Mr. Sobczak said he would like the Committee to consider a Nursery License for the savings on trees. The savings were passed on to the Lions Club, Mr. Boomhower, and Nancy Hoskinson. Mrs. Schwartz will share the information with Mr. Kilgore.

Fertilizer and weed killer in public areas. Mr. Sobczak said we are allowed to use nitrogen based fertilizer, but not copper/phosphate/ phosphorous. Mr. Sobczak will look for a more affordable biodegradable fertilizer and check if a license is needed and report back to the Committee. Mrs. Schwartz asked that Mr. Sobczak focus on the more public areas in front of the Library and Triangle Park. Someone from the Baseball program asked if Mr. Sobczak could get licensed due to availability. Mr. Sobczak will contact the OARDC or Department of Agriculture. The gentleman said he would try to find a contact.

Mosquito spraying. The Village went with a professional spray service last year due to liability issues. The Village is scheduled for the catch basins and ponds to be sprayed this year. This is also a cost savings. The Village will look at the effectiveness verses costs. Mrs. Schwartz would like to be sure to explore all the options.

The roof wires at the Village Building are working. Mike Littman fixed the back wires today.

Mrs. Schwartz asked Mr. Sobczak to remove a tree that has been broken off at Leohr Park since last summer.

We currently have 48 picnic tables and Mr. Sobczak felt that was enough. Mr. Sobczak was asked to consider adding replacement tables to the budget.

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New Business (cont.):

Flags throughout the Village are down due to inadequate lighting. The solar lighting does not have enough charge due to lack of sunlight during the winter months. Mr. Sobczak asked the Committee to consider hard wiring all flags. Cy Hewit has a light burned out. BOPA was contacted. The Gary Eicheler Flag was taken down because Mr. Sobczak was notified it was not being illuminated. The Maria Stanhope Park's photo cell has low lighting. Leohr Park has a new photo cell and still low lighting, and Memorial Park's photo cell has low lighting. Betty Wright made a complaint to Mr. Sobczak about The Gary Eicheler Flag. When looked at, Mr. Sobczak was only seeing the bottom of the flag in the light. Mr. Sobczak was asked to start with BOPA.

The bunting at Maria Stanhope Park is down now.

Mr. Sobczak was asked which pavilions need repairs. The Lions Club took care of their pavilion. The Armstrong, Veterans and Tisher pavilions have holes and need to be painted and gutter work done. The Concession stand also needs the downspout replaced. It was discussed that downspouts need to be replaced due to vandalism. Mrs. Schwartz asked if we should mount the camera in a different place.

The Gazebo repair fund may be used to help with the roof at the Maria Stanhope Gazebo. It has algae growth and needs paint.

The effectiveness of the camera. The camera is being cleaned. The copper contacts became corroded. The batteries did last the six months as advertised. The camera was installed in July due to five or six trash can fires. There has not been vandalism since the installation. There was a discussion about the location of the camera dictating the location of vandalism. Mr. Sobczak will get the camera back up next week. One memory card has been used; the pictures did not show any vandalism. Mrs. Schwartz would like a picture update once a month. The Committee will consider another camera or another camera box.

Kathy Rhoads arrived at 8:00 p.m. and was late due to an unforeseen work commitment. Kathy Rhoads asked for the number of cases of vandalism? Mr. Sobczak said there were about 12 incidents in May through July until the camera was installed.

The status of mowing and lawn equipment for spring is under control.

Usage of Public Buildings. Mrs. Schwartz asked Mr. Sobczak if the Parks Department could use 6 Spring Street or the 2 buildings on W. Main. The Department could use the two bays at 6 Spring Street. The rest of the building would not be usable.

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New Business (cont.):

Technology for the Parks Department. Right now Mr. Sobczak is currently using a netbook that costs the Village \$46 a month. The Committee would like to find another alternative to connect to the internet due to being in a steel building. Mr. Carrick has offered to print off the needed items and put them in Mr. Sobczak's mailbox until another solution has been found. According to Time Warner, Mr. Sobczak's computer line has a worm causing the monitor to freeze up. Mr. Sobczak can have them drop a residential line. Mr. Sobczak's internet duties have increased due to the added administrative work. The Village Internet rates were discussed. Some options will be explored.

Reminders to please use resource sharing among departments and individuals that can help solve the problem.

Estimates all need to be dated; we will not accept a verbal agreement.

Budget discussion will be ongoing

Condition of the Trail can be determined for next month.

Easter Egg hunt is March 31st, 1:00 p.m. at Cy Hewit. The Parks Department always has one person on site and provides anything needed.

It was asked if Mr. Sobczak has any documentation as a source of reference on licensing for weed killers. Mr. Sobczak was asked to collect a file as a baseline for the Committee for the future.

Mr. VanMeter would like to use The Village Hall for softball sign up on February 18th & 19th from 11:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Sgt. Reed will inform Chief Burson.

Old Business:

The Flag pole at The Village Hall. Mr. Sobczak spoke with Tabetha Carnahan at Carrot-top. A new winch system would cost \$1,220 plus shipping. The pole would have to be dropped to install the system. There is an alternative. Mr. Sobczak could put an external 6" cleat on for \$30 plus shipping. This does leave it open for flag theft because it is exposed and easily removed. Mr. Sobczak feels it would not be a problem.

Park signs update. Mrs. Schwartz talked with Mr. Lesiak last week. He was not aware that we had a question outstanding. Mr. Lesiak sent the wording for the Park Signs "No firearms without a valid permit issued under Ohio Revised Code 2923.125." The problem is the language is not the same for each Park. Mr. Sobczak will be meeting with Deana from Kleem Signs on February 15th and all options will be discussed including set up fees. Leslie Miller informed the Committee the Career Center is not able to help as discussed in a previous meeting. Mr. Sobczak will bring back the prices to the next meeting. Eight signs will need to be ordered and there is room for a possible quantity discount.

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Eagle Scout project update. Mr. Switzer informed the Committee; Mr. Chudzinski has plans in the making for the entrance for Cy Hewit Park. Mr. Switzer will check with Mr. Chudzinski and see if he can attend the next meeting.

The light in the Gazebo is on 24/7. Mr. Sobczak talked with Kevin Bittaker on Monday and Kevin said the eye needs to be rewired and will take care of it.

The flag light and building lights at the Village Hall will also be taken care of by Kevin Bittaker.

The Bleacher update. Mr. VanMeter will talk about the bleachers at their January/February meeting. The standard is 32" and above need railings. The Village needs to figure out how to get them into compliance with insurance and may solidify the structures. It is about \$1500 to replace a bleacher. Mr. VanMeter will contact someone on the Committee with some options. The Committee can possibly add this to the block grants. A request for an inventory on what needs to be done would be helpful.

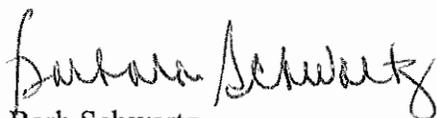
Insurance update on safety issues. Mr. Sobczak has been looking into the different approved materials for bases you can use. Mrs. Schwartz will put a copy of citations in Mr. Sobczak's mail box. The Committee will have to start lining up the work process and consider funding. The Village will be bidding on insurance this year and another inspection is anticipated.

Trimming brush by the creek. Mr. Sobczak checked the erosion and took measurements. The measurements are attached. Mr. Sobczak said he will check with Jeff Van Loon and use the Watershed Guidelines.

Bonnie Gordon asked about Sancha Lance's naming of the Gazebo. A resolution has been passed. Mrs. Gordon would like to see if anyone had date ideas. Mrs. Gordon will talk with Sandy Bridenthal about doing it during the Seville Farm Market. Mrs. Gordon will report back. A location and type of plaque was discussed. Mr. Sobczak will assess the Gazebo so that it will be ready and report next month.

Motion by Sue Cox to adjourn the meeting, Bonnie Gordon seconded. Aye votes all. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barb Schwartz
Acting Chair