



**Parks & Streets Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 21, 2016**

Call to Order:

Chair Kathy Rhoads called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Kathy Rhoads, Leslie Miller, Sue Frey, Bonnie Gordon, and Sue Cox

Approval of Minutes:

Sue Cox made a motion to approve the Parks & Streets Minutes of September 19, 2016, and the motion was seconded by Bonnie Gordon. Four aye votes. Mrs. Frey abstained. The minutes were approved as written.

Parks & Streets Commissioner's Report:

Mr. Sobczak's report is attached. Chair Rhoads complimented the department on their wonderful work this year and how phenomenal the parks look.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

New Business:

There was a discussion on how to continue rolling the five year streets plan and utilize the money for the streets involved with the future water pressure project Kevin Bittaker presented during the Safety Meeting. After a lengthy discussion, Sue Frey made a motion to recommend to Council to participate with the water tower project. Leslie Miller seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

Mr. Sobczak said everything is going as well as it can for the Fire Department using the old Council building and the attached bays.

Mr. Demiter asked if the Committee could look into a dog park again and what would need to be done. Mr. Demiter said he knows people that would be able to help with concrete and planning. The concerns of insurance and maintenance were discussed. There was a discussion if trying to convert the undeveloped park referred to as Red Oak could still be considered for wildlife grants if there is a dog park installed. Mr. Demiter will keep working on finding answers.

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Future Budget Items:

The Committee discussed the draft budget for 2017. There was a discussion on the water tower project and keeping up with the rolling street plan. Ideas were shared on what to cut for the committee to find a way to replenish the trail fund. The funds are needed for support to matching grant funds. The Committee discussed having a special meeting on December 5th to finalize the budget recommendation.

Pending/Completed Legislation

Resolution 2016-18 supporting SBR 71 to promote bicycle tourism. The first reading was November 14th.

Ordinance 2016-72 amending Section 409.01 of the Zoning Code with regard to nuisances regarding trees, plants or shrubs has been created. This allows the Village to help people with nuisances on their property.

Old Business:

The Committee discussed the wonderful job Jane Webb and the department did with the decorations for downtown. It was even mentioned that Seville has inspired Rittman to work towards a similar atmosphere. Leslie Miller made a motion to pay the decoration invoice and Sue Cox seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

The Committee discussed it has been learned the new proposed bicycle route will not include maintaining lanes, but signs. Leslie Miller said Chief Burson did not feel the route brings any additional concerns to the safety of the Village.

The Committee discussed the record storage concerns. Possibilities are investing in the old municipal building to make that a storage building. The records are currently in a locked room while the Fire and EMS are using the building.

Mr. Sobczak commented that asbestos is falling from the ceiling and it is a very expensive project to refurbish the building with asbestos. Mr. Sobczak presented the idea of paying a contractor to haul away the asbestos but his department could raze the building. The cost is estimated at \$5,000.00. The department would salvage whatever is possible and build a pole building and create what the Village needs for storage for the money it would use to refurbish the building. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

Planning for the Run for the Trails expansion will continue in January. The Committee discussed the work could not be done for the February grant deadline but they will continue to push for 2018.

The filing for the First Mayors Monarch pledge has been completed.

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Old Business (continued):

The Committee discussed the use of what is referred to as Red Oak Park. It was discussed since it connects to Cy Hewit it could be considered Cy Hewit and be included on future grants. Sue Frey made a motion to refer to the area of the park as Cy Hewit project, Leslie Miller seconded the motion. Aye votes all.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

Leslie Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sue Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kathy Rhoads 1-17-2017
Parks & Streets Committee Chair

