

**Chesteron Park Department
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 2nd, 2021**

Those in Attendance: President Wendy Marciniak, Vice President Paul Shinn, Secretary Mark Dickinson, Member Bob Cohn, Superintendent Shane Griffin, Engineer Mark O'Dell, Town Attorney Connor Nolan, Administrator Hilary Thomas Peterson

Wendy Marciniak called Roll – Paul Shinn, Mark Dickinson, Bob Cohn – all present.

Wendy Marciniak called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the assemblage with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve February minutes was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Bob Cohn. Motion passed. February minutes approved.

Comments from the Public

Lisa Wodrich – Chesteron Branding Leadership Committee (CBLT). Presented a slide show to the Board. Would like to offer a Sunday vintage Market, Upsadaisy. Would like to incorporate concerts, demonstrations, car show, invite the local school district. Would not compete with the European Market or local eateries. Would only take place on Sunday's 10-4, at Thomas Park. Will be an upscale market, vendors will be carefully picked. No commercial type products. Would like to have the first market on May30th, and continue with the last weekend in May every year. Would like to center around the gazebo and expand out into the park from there. Social distancing will be implemented will run 23 weeks long. No admission charge. Lori – DEDC – in process of getting 501C3. Would ask that the Town and Park forego any fees for the first few years. Will use social media mainly for marketing.

A motion to take under advisement was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Must be presented to Town Council and discussed with Department Heads. Mark O'Dell suggested they call the Town Managers office to get on the schedule with Dept. heads.

Maura Durham – Duneland Chamber of Commerce. Currently in the five year contract for the European Market. Set to start on May 1st and will go to the last Sat of October 8 – 2 pm. Working with the Town manager to implement social distancing. Corkscrew and Brew is currently going to Town Council for consideration. June 19th, 12-4, no changes from previous contracts and contract is currently with legal. August 28th, 5-9pm, would like to do a wine date night, Vino al Fresco, an upscale wine/cheese event to replace the Taste of Duneland.

A motion to approve the dates for the proposed events was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Alan Brownling – Soccer Shots. Emily Lenehan, owner of Soccer Shots would like to submit to hold soccer lessons in any open space in the Parks. Submitted a SUP. The program is for

younger children as an introduction to soccer, ages 2-8. Would run April 7th – May 26th, every Wednesday from 4:45pm to 6:30pm. As per discussion.

A motion to approve Soccer Shots field space at Dogwood and Chesterton Parks was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Bob Cohn. Motion passed.

Maura Durham and Lisa Woodrich presented board with concept of putting up Gnome's throughout the parks starting April 1st. As per discussion. Asking business to display them and encourage public to go on a scavenger hunt. Would like to display them in Coffee Creek and Thomas Park.

A motion to authorize Shane to work Maura and Lisa for a plan to put up Gnomes in the parks, was made by Bob Cohn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Superintendent/Engineer Report

Busy plowing. Working on equipment for spring. Met with Laura Zuranski about putting in a Tanquility path at Thomas, would come to the April meeting. New iron numbers were purchased and installed on the shelters, cleaning up the parks. Signed up for a virtual class, Indiana Parks and Rec assoc. for code 5-23. Christmas tree has been ordered. Saved an additional \$1139 on purchase. \$21,644.35 was total price. Met with Bob and Paul for RFP. Vehicle surplus, 1999 Ford F250 to go to auction.

A motion to declare the 1999 Ford F250 surplus was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Bob Cohn. Motion passed.

Mark O'Dell stated the scoring committee met for the first time, went well. Westchester Liberty Trail phase 3 is in the design phase. As per discussion. Tamarack trail will flow into park area.

Comments from the Board

Bob mentioned the facebook comments regarding the Christmas tree purchase. Appreciates the comments and encourages anyone to actually come to the meetings to voice their opinions.

Approval of Claims

A motion to approve March claims was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Bob Cohn. Motion passed. March claims approved.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Bob Cohn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

President
Wendy Marciniak

Date