

**Chesterton Park Department
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 7th, 2020**

Those in Attendance: President Candy Tucker, Secretary Paul Shinn, Member Mark Dickinson, Asst. Superintendent Shane Griffin, Engineer Mark O'Dell, Liaison Jennifer Fisher, Town Attorney Connor Nolan

Candy Tucker 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 June minutes was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed; June minutes approved.

Comments from the Public

Maura Durham – Duneland Chamber of Commerce, rescheduling of events. Corkscrew and Brew in March was rescheduled for June 20th, but had to be cancelled due to Gov. guidelines, now rescheduled for Nov. 7th. As per discussion, will come back in closer to date.

A motion to approve the new date of Nov. 7th for Corkscrew and Brew festival was made by Mark Dickinson. Seconded by Paul Shinn. Motion passed.

Taste of Duneland (Fork This) was originally scheduled for Sept. 5th, would like to keep that date as long as guidelines permit it, but would come back to reschedule should they not.

A motion to allow the event Fork This to keep Sept. 5th date was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Future events will be played by ear.

Paul asked how the European Market is going with current guidelines. Maura stated last week there were 40 vendors, expanded into the Park for the first time last weekend. Hand sanitation stations are available. As per discussion. Maura inquired about expanding the walkway by the park, as per discussion.

Discussion on the age range children wearing masks.

Mark Hopkins – Reinvention of Coffee Creek Park, presented board with plans. Started with early story of town and park. Has raised \$3,094.70 in 5 weeks during round up at Ace, believes there is room for more improvement, has potential and can really add to downtown. As per lengthy discussion. A lot of work has been done during the first clean up days, per slide show.

Per reinvention, phase one, would like to create seating made of stone along the hill. As per discussion. Addressed possible costs, has been talking to landscapers, can get deals, possibly get free labor, and would be willing to pay for labor. Sees this as a great asset to downtown. Discussed new entrance. As per lengthy discussion.

Presented Board with check from roundup.

A motion to accept the check from Mark Hopkins/Ace Hardware was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Paul commended Mark on his vision and presentation, along with their committee. Suggested that the Town also get involved with the Park. Connor Nolan suggested getting help with the redevelopment committee, speaking with Greg Babcock and Bernie Doyle.

Superintendent/Engineer Report

Shane stated that general maintenance of the parks is ongoing, the skate park has been disassembled and taken out, and the area cleaned up. Splash pad and restrooms have been opened to public starting July 4th. Diligence is being implemented with social distancing and cleaning of public park areas daily. Still treating evasive species on trail. Thomas Park beautification from the Garden Club looks very nice, thanked all the ladies for their work. Also thanked Mark Hopkins for donating mulch for them. New tables for the new shelter at Dogwood were put in today.

Stated that the PD asked if park hours can be established and posted so they can start addressing loitering. Nothing is in Town ordinance. Legal recommended that Board establish times, 15 minutes before sunrise, to 15 minutes after sunset that the park would be open. It would then be taken to Town Council for final approval, and then put into Town code. Board would be able to extend hours for special events.

A motion was made by Paul Shinn for Ordinance 2020-10 to be submitted to Town Council for Park hours. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Comments from the Board

Candy is thankful for lack of rain, parks look really good, and stated that the skate park clean up looks great.

Paul asked to see 23rd St house again to form a plan for it. Asked how the extra help is doing, future needs.

The park will adopt a waiver for COVID-19 to be attached with Shelter rental forms.

A motion to approve the COVID-19 waiver form was made by Mark Dickinson. Seconded by Paul Shinn. Motion passed.

Candy addressed the SUP submitted. As per discussion. Hilary was not in attendance to answer specific questions regarding past and upcoming events.

A motion to approve the application for Race the Region for Aug 9th, contingent on a plan being submitted to Chief Cincoski, was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Candy asked Connor what the group regulations are. Connor stated that the Town policy right now is that a plan be submitted for any gathering over 25.

Approval of Claims

A motion to approve July claims was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed. July claims approved.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Candey Tucker
President

8-4-20
Date

