

**Chesterton Park Department
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 1st, 2021**

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

Wendy called for roll – Paul Shinn, Bob Cohn, Mark Dickinson 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 May minutes was made by Bob Cohn. Seconded Mark Dickinson. Motion passed. May minutes approved.

Comments from the Public

Lori Laster – Spoke about wanting to put up permanent and dedicated pickleball courts in Town. Presented Board with pictures, and stated that there is plenty of space at Dogwood. Still operating an informal club. As per discussion.

Arthur Kraft – Spoke more about pickleball.

Eileen Torres – Little girl Ocean Torres spoke, (hard to hear). Wants to become an entrepreneur. Asking permission to set up Ocean's hydration station at various Parks, selling lemonade and tea. As per discussion.

A motion to allow the set up of Ocean's Hydration Station, pending approval from legal, SUP submittal, and Shane was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Bob Cohn. Motion passed.

Superintendent/Engineer Report

Security has been improved at Thomas Park, a live feed had been patched to CPD dispatch center. It has been a good deterrent. Getting quotes for more lighting, only one has come in from Ellis Electric for \$9,831.00.

A motion to accept the proposal from Ellis Electric, not to exceed \$9,831, was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Bob Cohn. Motion passed.

Shane also upgraded the interior lights. Splash pad is now running and open, saplings have been planted. Memorial tree has been planted. Garden club has been helping in Thomas Park. Continuing to eradicate evasive species. Summer staff coming back, looking to hire a few more in the coming week. Signage for parks being worked on for rules and hours. Connor Engels would like to do an Eagle scout project, would like to put in benches at Chesterton Park. Chuck Lehman meeting for dog park off of Dickinson. Would like permission to remove old bathroom at start of bike trail.

A motion to remove the bike bath bathroom was made by Bob Cohn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Moving forward with SEH, posting link tomorrow.
Mark suggested that this plan be added to the agenda for future.

Glenn Peterson updated Board. Wetlands were being looked at, putting together maps. Created graphic for public input survey, which is ready to go live, 15 questions and will close survey on June 25th. Report will be presented at July meeting. Bob asked if that will be enough time for response. As per discussion.

Comments from the Board

Wendy asked about garbage pickup during the weekends. Mike Billings will work during the day to keep up with it. As per discussion.

Bob mentioned the stakeholder walkthroughs at Coffee Creek.

Mark Dickinson stated that 2 new pickleball nets have been ordered.

A motion accept the Dunbar donation in the amount of \$10,410 was made by Bob Cohn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

The donation is earmarked for an exercise station at Dogwood Park. Shane stated that it will be anchored in. Mark asked about the Town Comprehensive Plan, Dave Cincoski stated that it is in progress. Also asked about the splash pad and if all is well. As per discussion.

Paul stated that someone he spoke with would like to help with the dog park. Asked if the new truck has been ordered and if it will come with a plow. Shane answered yes.

Approval of Claims

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

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Cohn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

President
Wendy Marciniak

Date