

**Chesterton Park Department
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 6th, 2021**

Those in Attendance: President Wendy Marciniak, Vice President Paul Shinn, Secretary Mark Dickinson, Member Bob Cohn, Liaison Jennifer Fisher, Town Manager David Cincoski, 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 June minutes was made by Bob Cohn. Seconded by Paul Shinn. Motion passed. June minutes approved.

Approval of Claims

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

- **SEH – POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

Glenn Peterson with SEH presented a presentation on the Coffee Creek project. Stakeholders have toured, topical survey and online survey has been completed. Received 898 responses, as per lengthy discussion. Looking to set up a booth at the European Market for public feedback and input and add walking tours. Looking to keep it as natural as possible. As per lengthy discussion. Possibly use an empty store front as a gateway to the Park.

Paul asked if the creek is kayak friendly. It doesn't seem feasible at this point. Asked if the Town Council will need to get involved because of the local business effect. They also plan on having a informational booth at the European Market, maybe do tours to the public. Will get the board a breakdown of the charts and results.

Comments from the Public

Bill Laster/Lori Laster – pickleball. Formed a club, Duneland Pickleball, but stated they are not a club. Three officers, selling shirts, and formed a facebook page, registered with the state as a non-for-profit. As per discussion. Team reach is an app being used to schedule and put out practice times, 99 members so far. As per discussion. Went to the Summer Fun Program and showed the kids how to play. Sand Creek has offered their tennis courts for use to the public. Thanked the Park Dept for the new nets. Received donations from local business' and members. Company donated 8 pickleball paddles to the Summer Fun Program. They don't have exact answers for the costs and what are the expectations from the Board. As per discussion. Paul addressed that there are four tennis courts in Chesterton Park that are available and there doesn't seem to be an issue with tennis players. Lori stated there are cracks, Paul responded that new nets have been purchased, and we will address maintenance on the current courts. As per further discussion. Paul suggested that they take this under advisement.

Norma Farrell of St. John's United Church – Received a grant for an Outreach program, so would like to hold a Bluegrass Concert for the public in Thomas Park Sept 26th, submitted a SUP. Does not feel the concert would impose on the upcoming Ups A Daisy Market. Event would be from 12pm-4pm, but the music would last only 2 hours. As per discussion. Requested that the \$150 fee be waived. As per discussion.

A motion to approve the application and waive the \$150 fee was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Mark Dickinson. Motion passed.

Superintendent/Engineer Report

Shane was not present, sent his report in an email to the Board and Dave Cincoski who read aloud the highlights.

Four new summer staff has been hired and are currently working all the park properties. Met with Chuck Lehman at the Dickinson property on how it can be developed and possibly put in a dog park.

Summer Program is going well, 82 signups, average about 30 participants a day, pickleball players were out to teach the kids one day, a National Park Ranger came out.

Dunbar Foundation donated \$10,410 for exercise equipment at Dogwood Park. However the cost of the equipment came to \$17,700. Dave Cincoski requested on behalf of Shane to appropriate the additional funds of \$7,300 to cover the rest of the cost.

A motion to approve the additional funds of \$7,300 for the exercise equipment was made Bob Cohn. Seconded by Paul Shinn. Motion passed.

Comments from the Board

Paul asked Jennifer if the storefront managed by the Park Dept is out of scope. Jennifer reiterated that this is a Park project. As per discussion. Glenn Peterson suggested getting the Redevelopment Commission involved. As per discussion.

Mark asked if the Eagle Scout project was going on with the building of benches. No update provided . Also asked if Ocean' hydration station was setting up in the parks, Hilary stated that she has submitted a SUP, Conor asked for contact information to outline an agreement. Bob discussed the Coffee Creek project.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Shinn. Seconded by Bob Cohn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

President
Wendy Marciniak

Date