

## VERMILION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Minutes of February 20, 2018 - 7:00pm | Municipal Complex Courtroom (687 Decatur)

Roll Call: B. Scholtz, W. Warden, J. Logue, T. Parker, J. Keck  
Excused: E. Wakefield, D. Brudney

*Also Present:* C. Kuhns, REC. DIRECTOR; D. Corogin, PARKS DIRECTOR; B. Holmes, COUNCIL REP.

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T. Parker called the meeting of February 20, 2018 to order.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**J. Keck MOVED;** B. Scholtz seconded to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting. Vote 5 YEAS.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE/COMMUNITY GROUP USE PERMIT:**

Community Event Group Use Permit:

-Lake Shore Corvettes – Vermilion Corvette Show - July 7, 2018 (Victory Park & Village Greens) – 6am – 5pm

B. DiCarlo said he was aware the Parks Board was against them parking on the grass at Village Greens. However, this is their 16<sup>th</sup> year and they have always parked on the grass and have never done any damage. Last year they discussed the underground electric which they addressed by staking it off with posts and caution tape. Also, the trees were there last year when they used the park and they went around them. This past year they had 232 cars and every year they get more. He doesn't want to turn anyone away as people come from all over Ohio. Mrs. DiCarlo said that 99 percent of the cars that park in Village Greens are members, so they will be very careful. However, they need this space as they use the city lot and the lot next to the park, and the whole street. If it's a bad day it won't make too much of a difference, but if it's a nice day then they will get 200+ cars and she hopes the board will allow them to use it since they take care of it.

T. Parker asked the DiCarlo's if the Fulper lot was an option and B. DiCarlo said it isn't because it's too far away from the actual event. B. Warden said businesses are farther away too, so this could bring more people closer to their businesses. B. DiCarlo said they use the Fulper lot for spectator parking because people coming into town for the event have nowhere to park. It was noted that Main Street is closed Saturday morning from Liberty to Ohio. He said they have explored all of their options and wondered if they could park on the north side of Route 6 down Main Street, but he didn't know how it would affect the Antiques in the Park. B. Holmes asked if St. Mary's allows them to park east of Victory (between Victory and St. Mary's). B. DiCarlo said yes, but they have to worry about the vendors of the Farmer Market as they bring in trucks/trailers to unload and they need a place to park. Also, if St. Mary's is having a wedding that day it makes it more difficult yet. So, on July 7, they have the Farmer's Market, Antiques in the Park, Vermilion Corvette Show, and a Fireman's Breakfast.

T. Parker asked the board how they felt about leaving the discretion with Dana Corogin in working with them to protect the park. B. Warden didn't see how they could justify parking cars in the grass when they offered to give them Fulper's lot. B. DiCarlo said it comes down to location as it isn't in the center of the activities, plus they would like to use this for spectator parking. J. Logue suggested running things as is this year with the understanding to work with D. Corogin to figure out something new for the future, so eventually they aren't parking on Village Greens anymore. B. DiCarlo had no problem with this. B. Warden said other people have used this area for parking which ended in negative feelings in the community, so to give them the green light it makes them straddle a critical situation. T. Parker said they do make an exception for the two major festivals

and this is sort of a downtown festival event and he thinks they can work with this and not just let anybody park there. B. DiCarlo said they will be 100 percent responsible because they have \$5 million worth of insurance to take care of the property. D. Corogin asked them to take care of any rutting and to make sure cars aren't parked near the young trees, and if any tree gets damaged then they are responsible for replacing it at a cost of \$500 per tree.

**J. Keck MOVED**; B. Scholtz seconded to authorize the use of Village Greens to the Vermilion Corvette Show at the discretion of the Parks Supervisor and coordinating the event with her. Vote 4 YEAS; 1 NAY (Warden). **MOTION CARRIED**.

**-Main Street Vermilion – Woof! A Dog's Event** – Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018; 8:00am – 3pm.

Marilou Suszko reported that Main Street Vermilion is asking for dedicated use of the portion of Main Street, North of Huron, closing off at Huron and to have use of the paved road to the beach for vendors and participants use. They would also like dedicated use of a portion of Main Street Beach as indicated on their map with a snow fence installed during the event to contain activity to that beach area. Also, asking that participants' dogs be allowed off leash in this confined area. They would like use of the porta john at Main Street Beach. The event concludes with a parade beginning at 12:30 where pets and owners will move from event area up Main Street and then to East Exchange Park. They will be asking the police department if they can close the road for that short time. As an alternative, they will use the sidewalk and ask the police department to assist at crossing. They would like use of East Exchange Park from 12:30 to 1:30 as an ending point for the parade and short closing/award ceremony. They will be responsible for cleaning up all the areas after the event is over. Main Street will supply tents for some vendors and other vendors will be bringing their own.

T. Parker said the closing of Main Street is something the Parks Board can't approve, but Main Street can talk with the Service Director about this. M. Suszko said she did speak with T. Valerius and will follow up again with him. B. Holmes asked who would be responsible for putting up the snow fence. G. Fisher said she should talk with the Service Director on whether the street department/parks department could put this up. J. Logue asked if this would affect the beach Mobi-mat. M. Suszko said she would speak with Vicky Lezon about this to see if they will need to redirect it for that day.

**J. Keck MOVED**; B. Scholtz seconded to approve the Community Event Group Use Permit as submitted. VOTE 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

**-College Club of Vermilion – Plant Sale** - Victory Park – May 4<sup>th</sup> – 2:30-5pm; May5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00am – 2:00pm

Mary Beth Jaeger representing College Club said they are requesting the use of Victory Park for their plant sale to raise money for a scholarship for Vermilion High School.

**B. Scholtz MOVED**; J. Logue seconded to approve the Community Event Group Use Permit as submitted. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

**-Maria Santoferraro - Daily Downward Dog Yoga** – Main Street Beach & Showse Park; May 28 – Sept. 3, 2018 – 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**-Grace Methodist Church – Worship by the Water** – Sunday's – May 27 – September 2, 2018 – 8:30-10:00 a.m.

T. Parker noted the Daily Downward Dog Yoga is not a new event and has been a good event. In addition, the Worship by the Water has been active for 10+ years.

**B. Warden MOVED**; B. Scholtz seconded to approve the Community Event Group Use Permits as submitted for the Daily Downward Dog Yoga and the Worship by the Water. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Charles Trinter, Vermilion Township Trustee, said they had an interesting proposal at their last meeting when a resident came forward to see if they would be interested in trying to do something with a park located in the township. He said since Sherod Park is in the township, but belongs to the City of Vermilion, would there be some opportunity to use some township donated funds or grant money to enhance and improve Sherod Park. He asked the board if there would be some interest in possibly doing something in the future together. D. Corogin said the City of Huron has created a regional park and recreation district which incorporates their township as well, so the township and city work together with funding to provide services and activities in the park. She thought this would be a great idea. C. Trinter said they are in the early discussion phase but it's a possibility they may want to work together in a collaborative effort in making improvements to an existing infrastructure. The board said they would agree to working with the township. B. Holmes said the township and the city would definitely benefit working together on this and thanked him. Mayor Forthofer said they would need to discuss this with the city's law department to see if any formal agreements would need to be drawn up. D. Corogin said they could possibly meet with the City of Huron to see how they went about regionalizing their park.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

C. Kuhns reported they have 85 basketball participants and 14 in the cheerleading program. They worked with Firelands to make it a five team girl's league. He continues to attend monthly meetings for the youth football program and they are working with other communities to try and set up a flag football program for the spring. D. Corogin asked if he was planning on having a tennis program this summer and C. Kuhns said the last two years he has tried and wasn't able to get any participants.

D. Corogin publically thanked Tim Costello for maintaining the ice rink which has looked beautiful this winter. She is hoping next year they can rent a shed for a couple months to shelter the people from the wind.

She said in East Exchange Park they have a meeting with the City Engineer and Service Director to see about working on the dock area and bulk head because it's a trip hazard and the bricks are loose.

She said the Skate Park group has held meetings and they are working on a power point presentation about the regional Skate Park, which the first choice is to have it located on school property. They are working hard to refurbish the existing Skate Park. All their materials are being sent and they are planning on doing the work the weekend of March 9, and hopefully they will reopen the Skate Park after this is done. She said they need a new sign as the existing sign is in bad condition. She would like the board to approve an amount not to exceed \$500. They would like to call the park the Skate Spot. The hope is that the money they are putting into this park will last the next five years while they are working on the big plan. G. Fisher thought they needed to put up a temporary sign on the skate park fence letting the public know the park is closed as the kids are climbing the fence. B. Holmes said even a 'No Trespassing' sign may be warranted, so it gives the police department some teeth.

Mayor Forthofer advised the board they will be looking for a location for a new Fire House #1 and among the locations discussed is Devon Drive and Douglas. Therefore, as far as future investments in this area, he wanted the board to be advised as this could be happening in the future.

**B. Warden MOVED**; B. Scholtz seconded to approve an amount not to exceed \$500 to purchase a new sign at the existing skate spot. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Corogin brought forward the fact they need to purchase a new 72" Super Z Hustler lawn mower plus mulching blade not to exceed \$10,000. Plus, they need to purchase a new seat for the Scag mower in an amount not to exceed \$500.

**J. Keck MOVED;** J. Logue seconded to approve an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to purchase a 72” Super Z Hustler lawn mower plus mulching blade. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. Warden MOVED;** B. Scholtz seconded to approve an amount not to exceed \$500 to purchase a new seat for the Scag mower. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### Harbor View Project

J. Logue said their group is focused on creating greater public access for the site. He reported City Council passed a Resolution supporting this project and sent it to elected officials to encourage the Senators and House of Representatives from our area to approve the \$1.2 million capital budget request. Their budgets shall be proposed by both the House and Senate in the next couple weeks. He asked everyone to reach out to the Senators telling them how important this project is to the community. He has heard nothing but positive remarks and the Photojournal did an article covering City Council’s resolution and published Senator Manning’s address and contact information for anybody wishing to reach out to her to push for the capital budget request. He noted the purpose of the Harbor View Project is to revitalize the Harbor View area for greater public enjoyment.

#### Streets/Parks

D. Corogin said the committee will continue meeting on the Skate Park plans and will present a power point to the board at a later date.

#### Budget

T. Parker said the committee hasn’t met, but he did have a conversation with the Finance Director of the board’s concern about not knowing where they are financially. He was advised by Amy Hendricks that she is working hard on the budget and will bring the board up to date soon. She provided a list of opened purchase orders to T. Parker and D. Corogin who will review what has been spent and what has been closed to get to a realistic figure of how much is available in the park levy funds.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

J. Keck noted in conversations with Bob Cunicella he wanted the parks board to be advised the deck concrete and water leak needs to be addressed. Also, in the near future he would like to see the diving boards replaced with slides. D. Corogin said the service director is supposed to be on top of this issue as he was getting quotes to fix the deck. However, the reason he hasn’t yet is because of the leak as they were getting this examined and getting costs to repair it. T. Parker said when the Budget Subcommittee met; one of three projects they planned on was the pool deck repairs, which is in their financial ability to address, unless it comes in higher than expected. D. Corogin said they also need to address whether they wanted the deck concrete stained or stamped.

B. Warden asked if they would be addressing restrooms at the beach soon. J. Logue said the museum property committee will be discussing this and hopefully present something to the board soon. B. Scholtz said they are investigating options; hoping they will be breaking ground this year. J. Logue said it will depend on what’s available and its cost, and it will hinge on where the money flows for the project. He said if the capital budget request is approved, then by the end of June they would have access to the money, which means they could start demolition right away. He said they will need to address the restrooms right away even before they put up a construction fence. They would lean towards putting something in temporary at this point.

Mayor Forthofer said at some point when they are ready to pull the trigger on the demolition it should go before the Historic Design and Review Board. J. Logue agreed as there needs to be eyes and voices on this to cover their entire basis.

B. Warden addressed the refurbishing of the historic marker in Victory Park and asked D. Corogin where this stands as he thought they were pursuing a community group to do this work. D. Corogin said the Lions Club didn't want to do this so she put something out to the Rotary Club to see if they are interested, or even the Friends of the Ritter Public Library.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**B. Scholtz MOVED;** J. Logue seconded to adjourn the meeting upon no further discussion. Vote 5 YEAS.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEXT MEETING:**

March 20, 2018 @ 7:00 pm - Municipal Complex Courtroom (687 Decatur)

*~ Gwen Fisher, Boards and Commissions*