

VERMILION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Minutes of June 19, 2018 - 7:00pm | Municipal Complex Courtroom (687 Decatur)

Roll Call: W. Warden, B. Scholtz, J. Keck, D. Brudney, E. Wakefield
Not Present: T. Parker, C. Kuhns, REC. DIRECTOR; T. Valerius, SERVICE DIRECTOR; B. Holmes, COUNCIL REP

Also Present: D. Corogin, PARKS (Mtce. Operations) DIRECTOR

G. Fisher called the meeting of June 19, 2018 to order.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

Pursuant to the resignation of Vice Chairman, J. Logue, **W. Warden MOVED**; B. Wakefield seconded to nominate Brad Scholtz as Vice Chairman. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

B. Wakefield MOVED; J. Keck seconded to approve the meeting minutes of May 15, 2018. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE/COMMUNITY GROUP USE PERMIT:

Brad Scholtz read into the record the following correspondence:

Email dated June 14, 2018 from Amy Hendricks, Finance Director to Terry Parker, Chairman of Parks and Recreation Board – Terry: I am sure you are aware of the discussion about the Rotary Club returning the maintenance to the city of Rotary Park. We did receive a check for \$1,100 this week to offset those added costs. – Amy Hendricks

E. Wakefield asked if Rotary has decided not to maintain Rotary Park any longer. Dana Corogin explained that she will be meeting with Rotarian members to discuss minimizing the maintenance and the expense of Rotary Park to see whether they will maintain it or contribute to the maintenance in the future. E. Wakefield asked if they would be relinquishing the name of Rotary Park and removing the sign. D. Corogin said it's the visual when people visit Vermilion to see that the Rotary Club is active and involved, as they see this in other communities. She didn't think the city could pay more than the \$1,100 this year to do much more mowing than that, but she can use community service volunteers as they come through the courts to work in the park to make it look nicer. She doesn't have parks people she can utilize at this time; possibly in the fall.

Email dated May 31, 2018 from Mayor Forthofer to Molly Anders – Molly: The pennies were just counted at Northwest Bank, Lorain. The kid's donation amounted to \$333.80. We can't thank the student's enough for their big part in helping open the pool for this year. My hope is that next week we see them enjoying their investment. Thank you for your help. - Mayor Jim Forthofer

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

D. Corogin reported the new light poles were installed at Showse Park and they look very nice. They are waiting for Ohio Edison to disconnect the electric and put the new transformer in and take down the poles, which may be a few more weeks. All the fences were repaired around the baseball diamond that was damaged. They also repaired the basketball fencing. They will try to address the erosion problem along the bluff in the future. Revetment landscaping repairs will begin as weather and the water level permit.

With regards to Nokomis Park, all the vegetation that was cut down is now growing back and the grass is being left to grow long as a 10' buffer. She said all the signs are in and she is waiting for the Service Director to return to see where he wants them, so the street department can install them.

She reported the trash receptacle caught on fire at Main Street Beach and the east side of the wood observation deck was damaged. An insurance claim is being investigated by the city and she received estimates in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

The timer at Friendship Park needs to be replaced on overhead lights. The slide at Victory Park was removed as it was damaged. The Parks Board needs to determine whether they want to replace the slide. She mentioned she has heard no comments about the missing slide or when a new one will be put up. E. Wakefield said she has noticed families in the park flying kites now that the slide is gone. She said there aren't a lot of young children in the neighborhood right now that would be using the slide. D. Corogin said it can always be put back at a time they feel the demographics of the neighborhood change. She is aware the slide was used a lot during events at the park. The board agreed to not replace the slide at this time until they hear otherwise from the community. D. Corogin said she would rather expand on one of their other playgrounds; add some new features at Showse Park or Sherod Park. She thought they could put a new swing set at Hanover Square at some point. According to the safety rules they have to put down engineered mulch at the playgrounds. It's an added expense and the concern is about having Parks personnel having the time to get to every place.

She said the Historic Marker will be shipped in approximately 8-10 weeks at Victory Park. She would like to move it closer to the railroad tracks so when people are parked there they can see it. She said two dead crabapple trees were removed prior to Fish Festival on Ohio Street. The Village Greens light project is complete and all the lights were converted to LED and are now operational.

D. Corogin reported the fence at the Skate Spot was repaired and Vermilion in Bloom donated two flower containers outside of the park that Gwen Fisher has volunteered to water. A new park bench and trash receptacle was purchased with grant money from the Erie Metro Parks and they should be delivered by July 4. The sign design should be complete this week and the new sign should be installed within three weeks. She mentioned that Brad Scholtz is helping to repair the existing bleacher ends. A large concrete parking bumper was added to the park and will eventually be painted bright yellow. They are looking at getting a new feature in the Skate Spot as there is still one open spot that could use a feature. They have grant money left over to purchase one feature or the materials to build one. They need to decide on lighting at the park as she didn't want to go ahead and invest a lot of money into the lighting for the Skate Spot and the Ice Rink until they know for sure a fire station will not be built there. They need to improve the Ice Rink by regrading it at the west end.

She reported there is a lot of erosion at Sherod Park, especially on the east side of the park.

B. Wakefield MOVED; B. Warden seconded to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,000 to repair the east side of the wood observation deck at Main Street Beach. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Skate Spot - D. Brudney reported that Jim Schoene has been working with volunteers and a lot of kids/adults to repair the ramps at the Skate Spot. They are close to being finished as they have one more ramp to complete. All the surface area will be completed, but they need to put side panels on the ramps that had to be removed during the repairs. There are paint touch ups that need to be done to keep the material from warping. He said that Jim has been wonderful and it's amazing what he has gotten done with volunteers. They are looking to have a grand opening in July. The park is opened at this time and the kids have been helping and cleaning the park.

With regards to the proposed concrete skate park, D. Brudney spoke with Superintendent Phil Pempin and they are still working on the project they are trying to do at the school, so he doesn't have any information to release at this time. However, he is on the Parks agenda for July to update the board on what is going on at the school. He said a slide presentation on the proposed skate park will be brought before the Parks Board prior to it being shown to the school board. He said he talked with the Director of the Elyria Parks Recreation Department (Carrie Reardon – 440-326-1500) as they have a couple ramps available that have some holes in them. She wasn't sure what type ramps they are and their condition, but offered to allow Dana Corogin to look at them if they are of interest for the Skate Spot. D. Corogin said she will make contact with Carrie on this matter.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

B. Scholtz reported the board was in receipt of financial reports and he asked the board to review them, and if they had any questions they could speak with the finance director if they needed clarification.

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Keck MOVED; D. Brudney seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEXT MEETING:

July 17, 2018 @ 7:00 pm - Municipal Complex Courtroom (687 Decatur)

~ Gwen Fisher, Boards and Commissions