



WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Tuesday, June 17, 2014 Meeting

Members Present - The members present were Laura Ball, Bob Burpee, Peter Calamari, David Kessler, Michelle Miller, Rob Wendling and Darren Hurley, Director of Parks & Recreation.

Paula Deming was also present representing the Arbor Committee.

The minutes from the May 20, 2014 meeting were approved.

Parks and Recreation Master Planning – Mr. Hurley shared a copy of the most recent draft of Vision 2020 with the Commission along with a copy of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan done by the City of Dublin in 2009. He told the Commission he thought it was important to either resume work on the Vision 2020 plan or find another way of doing master planning for the parks. He noted many of the things listed in the Vision 2020 draft have been accomplished such as the Godown Dog Park and the Community Garden. However, other long discussed projects such as renovations at McCord Park and Perry Park had not moved because of the lack of a plan.

Mr. Hurley noted a planning process should be more than staff driven and that either the Commission or a Consultant should be involved. Mrs. Ball agreed, noting the importance of updating the documents in order to ease grant applications and help with financial decisions. She also thought it would be productive to begin with ideas from Council. Mr. Wendling recalled that one of the goals of the original Vision 2020 document was for it to be a living document, updated regularly. Other suggestions included doing targeted surveying in different neighborhoods, utilizing Survey Monkey and other technology for feedback, researching benchmarking data for further information and analysis, and doing an update to capture changes since Vision 2020 work was done.

At the request of Commission members, Mr. Hurley agreed to bring back some additional information for the next meeting where the Commission will discuss desired outcomes of a plan, components that will need to be included, and possible timelines.

Community Center Roof Update – Bids were opened for the replacement of the Community Center Roof on June 6. Two bids were received with the lowest being from K&W Roofing for \$1,350,425. The engineer's estimate for the cost was \$1.2 million. According to city policy, they are not able to award a bid that exceeds the estimate by more than 10%. The City's Consultant, Mays Roofing, spoke to bidders and concluded high bids or lack of bids may have been the result of a short timeline of 98 days requiring more overtime. The City will rebid with a 120 day window and an extra \$100,000 in budget with new bids

scheduled to be open July 2. If a bid is acceptable, we will take it to City Council for approval on July 7, by emergency, and work can start soon after. Construction will likely take place August through November. It was noted that the city attorney continues to evaluate options regarding the original project and those involved.

Food Trucks in Parks – Parks and Recreation Staff have been analyzing and researching concessions in parks, particularly at sporting events. Since ongoing concessions have never been offered there is a lack of data and sales reports. We are looking to have food trucks at McCord and Perry this summer on a trial basis on certain evenings and weekend days. The city would permit the sales in exchange for information and data from the vendors. The city will likely allow a truck to service McCord and Perry Parks one or two days a week during the second half of baseball season and Perry and Snouffer Parks for the fall soccer season. Ms. Ball recommended having a written agreement in place. Mr. Burpee commented that the concessions would be a positive addition at the fields. Darren asked if there were any concerns with proceeding and none were noted.

Other – Mr. Hurley presented an email from Michael Bates of WARD to Commission Member Dan Armitage, who is absent this evening. Mr. Armitage had asked that this email be shared at tonight's meeting. The City's Consultant, MKSK, has made one presentation to the Municipal Planning Commission regarding the United Methodist Children's Home Property and will be back before them where a vote of approval is possible at their June 26 Meeting. If the MPC approves the update to the Comprehensive Plan then it would go to City Council for approval sometime in July.

Mr. Hurley also shared a copy of the text and the rezoning map from the latest version of the consultant's proposal. The map shows only the area along Tucker Run as being zoned for parkland but the text does mention the importance of additional green space/parkland being in the development and that any developer should work with the City and the Parks and Recreation Commission to add more green space and parkland throughout the development. Mr. Hurley asked if the Commission wanted to make any motions or further comments regarding the proposal and there were none.

Mrs. Deming commented that she had recently visited an Arboretum in another state and thought it would be a wonderful addition to Worthington. The Arboretum contained many trees with labels and cooperative programs with the state.

Mrs. Miller questioned if a noise barrier for the Olentangy Parklands along 315 had ever been discussed with the City. She added that it could only enhance the bike and pedestrian friendly community. Mr. Hurley agreed to ask city officials if the topic had ever been discussed.

Being no further business, the motion for the meeting to adjourn was granted.