

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Monday November 9, 2020

Meeting held via ZOOM due to COVID-19

Call to Order and Roll Call: Kim Pearson, chair

Present: Kim Pearson, Branden Williams, Susie Highley, Justin Bastin, Ann Kloc, Catherine Witsman

Absent: None

Others Present: Tonya Galbraith, Ryan Crum, Beth Morton

September 14, 2020 meeting minutes

Motion to approve September 14, 2020 meeting minutes as presented was made by Ms. Highley.

Second was made by Ms. Witsman and passed 5/0

Old School Park Survey-Discussion and Analysis

Ms. Galbraith presented survey results in graph and word cloud form. Most of the information was positive and showed a need for some updates with the playground equipment, basketball and tennis courts. Hours were discussed as well as lighting. All agreed that the creek feature needs to be enhanced and trails that would connect to the others in the area. There is still some clarification that needs to be done regarding fees. The town is now paying for trash since the township removed the trash cans and there is some repair that needs to be done to some of the existing lighting. Ms. Pearson stated that the takeaway from the feedback emphasized updates, maintenance and lights. Tennis courts and basketball court should stay and be updated as well as the playground equipment.

Old School Park Usage

Ms. Morton presented the Park usage guidelines and the Board agreed that these would be good to follow. More information will be presented as we transfer ownership.

Deer Crossing-Potential Park Site Property-Ryan Crum

An update was given by Mr. Crum regarding the 2.6 acres that is located south of W 900 North. It has been discussed with the Deer Crossing HOA and they are interested in selling the property. An appraisal was done by the HOA, and it came to \$10,000 an acre or \$26,000. Much of the property is in a flood plain and cannot be developed so it has limited usage. Ms. Galbraith added that it is a good trail head for us but wanted to know if the town can counteroffer and can the impact fees be used. Mr. Crum said yes and requested direction from the Board on how to proceed. The Board advised Mr. Crum to counter offer \$15,000. Motion was made by Ms. Witsman to allow Mr. Crum to offer \$15,000 for the Deer Crossing Park parcel and requesting a response within 30 days. Second was made by Ms. Highley and passed 5/0.

Trunk or Treat

Mrs. Pearson and Ms. Galbraith reported that the Trunk or Treat was a huge success with great weather and a great turn out. Most ran out of candy and 105 pumpkins were given away.

Tree Lighting

December 2, 2020 will be the Town Hall tree lighting with Santa and an elf flipping the switch. This will be posted on Facebook live and other social media. The Park Board will request that residents send pictures of their trees and holiday decorations for the town to post on social media sights and the Friday Blast.

Old Business-Impact Fees update

Mr. Crum reported that there have been more that 211 permits and year to date impact fees are at \$175,552.00 total so far for 2020.

New Business-2021 meeting schedule

Motion was made by Mr. Bastin to approve the 2021 meeting schedule. Second was made by Ms. Highley and passed 5/0

Ms. Galbraith was sad to announce that there would be no Christmas Party this year. Plans are being made to do something for the Community and more information to come.

There are also Town of McCordsville face masks available for the Board.

Next Meeting will be held January 11, 2021 via ZOOM

Adjourn

Ms. Highley made a motion to adjourn. Second was made by Ms. Kloc and passed 5/0