

Parks and Recreation

Board Minutes

December 13, 2021

On December 13, 2021 the meeting of the Ashland Park Board was called to order by Chairperson Banning at 6:00 p.m. via zoom.

Board Members present were Melissa Old Alderwoman Liaison, Amy Banning, Brian Sapp, Marcy Wood, Marsha Lessley, Elisabeth Sobczak, Tracy Banning, David Mars, and Jamie Davis

Board Members Absent: Anthony Vaughn

City Staff present: Administrative Assistant Leslie Martin, Public Works Supervisor James Creel

Guests: None

Chairperson Banning called for a motion to approve the agenda for December 13, 2021. Motion was made by Board Member Sapp and seconded by Board Member Sobczak to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Chairperson Banning called for a motion to approve the minutes from November 8, 2021. Motion was made by Board Member Sapp and seconded by Board Member Wood to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Guest Comments:

None

New Business:

1. Fall Festival- Cricket Alley- Chairperson Banning stated Cricket Alley Band reached out about coming back for the 2022 Fall Festival to perform for the evening event. Board Member Sobczak asked if this is something that must be voted on right now or can it wait closer to festival time. Board Member Banning stated they did reach out because their schedule is filling up already for that time of year. Board Member Sobczak asked if there are any other bands that it can be opened to. She also asked if there are funds in the budget. Motion made by Board Member Sapp to approve Cricket Alley Band to perform for the 2022 Fall Festival up to \$2000 and seconded by Board Member Banning. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. Christmas Parade Recap- Chairperson Banning wanted to thank everyone for all the participation for making it a successful event. She stated she has gotten a lot of positive feedback.

Discussion:

1. CIP Summary- See attached report. Board Member Sapp stated there was discussion with Assistant City Administrator, Lelande Rehard and Public Works Supervisor, James Creel. Board Member Sapp gave an overview of what was discussed and what they wanted to focus on in years to come. He stated he did like seeing the ADA upgrades to the playgrounds on the plan. Public Works Supervisor, James

Creel stated he thinks the next attention should start being the smaller parks with the growth that Ashland is having and being able to open the access to having parks closer to other parts of town. Chairperson Banning asked what the next steps are now with this plan. Public Works Supervisor, James Creel stated that continuing with the CIP discussion is a good plan to have. He stated to gather feedback at the next meeting and continue to talk about the plan and be able to bring the project ideas to the BOA by March-April.

PW Report: See Attached Report- Public Works Supervisor, James Creel stated with the paver money going into the "Friends of the City" account each time pavers are ordered there must be a vote to be able to move forward with the order. He stated he would have more information about the ballfield bathroom soon. He stated there has been some budget snags with the tennis courts and the Lakeview purchase there is not a lot of funds to work with for the rest of this year. Chairperson Banning stated she would like to be able to keep some funds in case there is a need that comes up. She also asked when budget discussion starts? She stated that she would like someone from the Park Board to represent and help with the discussion of the budget each year. Public Works Supervisor, James Creel stated to discuss it with Park Board Liaison, Alderwoman Old to get a better idea on timing and what she would like to see presented to the Board of Aldermen. Motion made by Board Member Sobczak to spend up to \$1250 out of the Friends of the City account for the paver order and seconded by Board Member Sapp. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayors Report: None

City Administrator's Report: None

Individual Reports:

Chairperson Banning- None

Board Member Sapp- suggested renaming of the park to name it The Ashland Memorial Park.

Board Member Mars- None

Board Member Lessley- suggested for the park name Board Member suggested to be used in one of the other parks. She also asked about the new software and if it would have the capability of showing monthly cash projection.

Board Member Banning- None

Board Member Vaughn-Absent

Board Member Sobczak- None

Board Member Davis- commented that the mural at the park looks fantastic

Board Member Wood-None

Alderwoman Liaison Melissa Old- stated meetings in person should be soon.

Motion was made by Board Member Lessley and seconded by Board Member Sapp to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Leslie Martin, Administrative Assistant