

Parks and Recreation

Board Minutes

April 12, 2021

On April 12, 2021 the meeting of the Ashland Park Board was called to order by Chairperson Banning at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members present were Tracy Banning, Brian Sapp, Jamie Davis, Elisabeth Sobczak, Anthony Vaughn, Amy Banning, Marcy Wood, Melissa Old Alderwoman Liasion.

Board Members Absent: Marsha Lessley, David Mars

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

Guests: Ron Wilcox

Chairperson Banning called for a motion to approve the agenda for April 12, 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 March 15, 2021. Motion was made by Board Member Sapp and seconded by Board Member Sobczak to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Guest Comments: Ron Wilcox: Wilcox talked with the City about the vandalism at the park. He had questions as to who was going to keep up with the new tennis courts and who would be supervising that. Mr. Wilcox was also concerned with the park in general and the care taking. He was also concerned with the Park Board's decisions being made.

New Business:

1. Girl Scout Brownie Troop- Plant Tree in Park- Girl Scout Troop 7177 is working to earn patches on ways to impact the community. The troop would like to plant a tree at the Park. The Girl Scouts presented to the group the types of trees they have thought about planting and why. Dogwood and Maple trees are the two that are being discussed. Board Member Sapp asked who would supply the tree. The troop is going to search around for all supplies and plans to take care of the tree. The Park Board stated it would be nice to have a Dogwood in the park.
2. Fall Festival Bands- Motion was made by Board Member Sapp to contact Cricket Alley to preform first and then reach out to Dave Baker Band if not available motion was seconded by Board Member Wood . Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Ball Park Bathroom- The grant is very close to be completed and in hopes that it is approved. State bid deadline is coming up and Public Works Supervisor James Creel is not sure if the bids will be the

same by the end of April. The bathroom should be up by the end of summer. The ballfield has already been in use and the Public Works Department have been working to keep it maintained.

2. Gaga Ball- Eppys will be supplying all the materials. Public Works James Creel and Assistant City Administrator Lelande Rehard met with the Eppys to discuss the location. First choice to place would be the west side of the gazebo and if not there to the east side of the gazebo.

3. Lakeview Property Acquisition- \$22,000 for the first payment with the \$2,000-3000 replat fee. The second payment will be \$22,000 with 2% interest. The Park Board is looking at less than \$50,000 and the owner has agreed to do the 2 payments of the lake portion. Board Member Sobczak stated the board should reconsider purchasing the land and that the board is being shortsighted in not getting the land and the water because it is the land that actually has the value. There are other ways to fund the purchase of the land to without annihilating the bank account to acknowledge there are other ways of doing that. Motion was made by Board Member Sapp to move forward with the owner on the offer and seconded by Board Member Sobczak. Motion carried.

4. Master Planning Update- Assistant City Administrator Lelande Rehard spoke with MU and wants to try and get 2 small groups together. One group will look at park inventory and history. The second group would be doing community engagement. He is looking at planning 3 years out and stated the community outreach would be more of a time commitment. Board Member Sapp and Board Member Sobczak volunteered to do community outreach. Board Member Davis, Board Member Banning and Board Member Wood and Board Chairperson Banning volunteered to do the history and inventory for the master plan. Assistant City Administrator Lelande Rehard stated he wants this plan done by fall 2022. The Board requested to have a budget report monthly. He also stated he will reach out to the volunteer committees soon to get started.

5. Honeysuckle Removal Work Event- Supplies will be minimal. Assistant City Administrator Lelande Rehard stated May and June are usually the best months to do the removal. This is something to reach out to the community for help. He also stated working 3-4 hours a few times should get the removal done that is needed. Chairperson Banning stated that a Girl Scout leader has reached out wanting to help out in the community. Chairperson Banning stated she would reach out and see if this is something that the troops would like to help with.

Discussion:

PW Report: See Attached Report- Public Works Supervisor James Creel got approval to replace the broken toilet with same porcelain type that the other bathroom has. He also stated the bathrooms have been getting locked overnight. Creel stated it doesn't seem like it is making too much of a difference. Suggestions on writing a letter to the school about the behavior happening in the park. Board Member Sobczak stated she would draft up a letter to send to the school? Board Member Sobczak made motion to move forward with option 2 for the flagpole memorial placards and seconded by Board Member Banning. Motion carried. Public Works Supervisor James Creel stated there is a family that wants to place a memorial bench in the park. He asked the Board their thoughts on where they would like it to go. Board agreed to allow him to speak with family about possible options and let the family decide. He asked what type of bench the Board preferred; all members agreed on the same style of benches that are already placed throughout the park.

Mayors Report: None

City Administrator's Report: Assistant City Administrator Lelande Rehard reported for City Administrator Tony St. Romaine on wanting feedback from the Park Board about doing a small project on the bathroom exterior walls. He stated after reaching out the cost would be around \$500.00 per side plus the amount for supplies. Rehard also stated reaching out to the school and other artists is a thought. The theme would be: Ashland history

Individual Reports: Board Member Sapp- good to go on car show list, plans to talk with Kip about 5k. Chairperson Banning was contacted by an 8th grader wants to put in a jump park for bikes.

Motion was made by Board Member Banning and seconded by Board Member Wood to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Leslie Martin, Administrative Assistant