

7:00 o'clock p.m. Chairperson Petrick called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order. (Zoom Meeting)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Irland [x], Petrick [x], Dunham [x], Wolff [x], Pirouz [x],

MEMBERS ABSENT: Irland [], Petrick [], Dunham [], Wolff [], Pirouz [],

ALSO PRESENT: Sharon Wilton, Community Development Director

VISITORS: None

Motion by Dunham, supported by Pirouz, to approve the agenda as printed and posted. Vote, 4/0

Motion by Dunham, supported by Wolff, to approve the minutes from 04-19-2021 as printed and posted. Vote, 4/0

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None Present

- When the Chairperson calls on you, stand and speak your name and address clearly for the record.
- Each person will be permitted to speak one time for 3 minutes until everyone has had a chance to speak.
- Any comments to be made regarding the public hearing will be heard during the continuation of the public hearing, below.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS: In order to insure that the comments are recorded as accurately as possible, please follow the format below:

- * Address the planning commission only. Individual conversations should not be held during the meeting.
- * Please stand at the podium; speak your name and address clearly for the record.
- * Each person will be permitted to speak one time for 3 minutes until everyone has had a chance to speak.
- * The minutes will be transcribed from the recording. Please be respectful of the person speaking. Comments made inaudible on the recording by background sounds such as whispering, clapping or interrupting cannot be made part of the official minutes.

BOARD DISCUSSION: *NO PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME*****

Both Wolff and Dunham stated that they are locked out of their Fort Gratiot email. Wilton will refer to the office admin.

Correspondence: No correspondence

OLD BUSINESS

Election of officers are as follows:

President: Michael Petrick

Vice President: Courtney Wolff

Secretary: Nicole Dunham-Puckett

-Budget and project discussion/Projects can be developed based on budget \$\$ or grant opportunities. **Plans to develop a budget, timeline, and cost proposal for 2022 budget. Plans to roll-over 2020 budget dollars to 2022. Plans to also include a vision in terms of long and short term timelines.**

.-Reviewed Kids In Parks project. Commission will need to develop budget proposals for future park enhancements.

Dunham was absent and Petrick will contact her for updated information. Would like to plan for a presentation from vendor.

-Further discussion needed on potential projects.**Projects discussed; plans for newly acquired Pond property (trail, structures, equipment). Plan to meet at new property before next meeting (May 17th). The previous discussion to order and ADA merry-go-round has ended as the cost was much more than originally stated.**

-Dunham to contact Kids in Parks for a presentation to the commission. **See above.**

-Others shared parks that have fitness equipment, etc. as options for future consideration. **Commission will prepare a timeline document with costs, grant opportunities as a proposal for the 2022 budget. Vendors; outdoor.fitness.com, gametime fitness. Wolff mentioned a reminder that the commission would like to do a survey to residents for desired park accommodations. She stated that neighborhood members would like to see a trail from Stoney Creek to the bike path and Disc Golf.**

-Members suggested ideas for a Spring Vendor event, perhaps in the Parker Rd Park. It was agreed that now is not the time to plan such an event. Wilton mentioned that perhaps in September for Scarecrow Saturday, might be a better option.

Wilton mentioned that the Bridge to Bay Trail project will submit a grant for signage. This will include 2 kiosks for the township.-Funding was denied.

Mike & Pete went on tour of new grounds and saw what was acquired and location- Wolff and Petrick also toured the grounds and Dunham and Pirouz to tour after the conclusion of tonight’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eagle Scout Project completed in Dog Park; Petrick will prepare a letter for the Eagle Scout.

Explored new ideas for the Fort Gratiot Trail and Park improvements that included:

Frisbee golf, amphitheater(Sound Stage), water feature, beach volleyball, and possible new signage. Commission will use our next scheduled meeting as workshop to plan an improvement strategy for 2022/

The Fort Gratiot Township Building will open to the public on 5/24.

Flags will be setup to honor those who lost their lives serving our country on 5/28. (Memorial Day)

Motion b Woff , supported by Irland, to adjourn. Vote, 4/0. Time, 8:11 P.M.

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