

4-03-2023 PARK BOARD MEETING

*Remembering Harry Horstman- Barb and daughters met with Park Board members prior to meeting to discuss donation.

6pm-President Bill Rieman called meeting to order.

In attendance:

Bill Rieman	Dick Schulte	Scott Kahle	Kent Kahle
Brett Unverferth	Phil Maag	Beth Rieman	

*Invited guests tonight. We will meet with as they arrive.

-Bern Heitmeyer-Village. Did not attend.

-Ken Gerdeman-Natureworks grant. Did not attend.

-David Kallay-Putnam County Football (Soccer) League

-Kalida Schools Superintendent, Karl Lammers-Track Update

-Community Center Committee Members-Jessi Grime and Dana Schnipke attended.

*Approval of minutes from 11/29/2022 meeting. Motioned by Kent Kahle 2nd Dick Schulte. All approved. None opposed.

*David Kallay arrived-explained Putnam County Club. Kyle Verhoff started his own club, Putnam County Club. Greater Toledo Club (GTC) was very expensive. Putnam County Club had 150 kids for Spring tryouts and they all stayed. (Appx. 60 kids from Kalida). They don't want to tear up the field. The field would be used as a practice field only. They will no play if the field is wet. Games this Spring are already scheduled to be played at the Kalida K of C and Ottawa. League runs to mid-May. Would need field on South side and maybe high school practice field on North side. Kent suggest to talk to Village so they are aware for mowing fields. Practices are during week, in the evenings. One team may practice 3 times a

week. If using on Saturday a.m., they should be done in morning. Kyle Verhoff manages practice times and fields. The park does not have anyone managing field usage. Kent suggest to also check with Village for their spraying schedule. The club would be kids from Kalida and a few Continental and Glandorf. Putnam County Club is playing in NW Ohio soccer league. After season is over, they need to inspect the areas and sew grass as needed. David Kallay will talk to Ryan Birkemeier to be sure to clean up and leave areas better after usage. League fees pay for tournament entries and referees.

*Finances

Scott K added a column from the last meetings financial numbers to compare current and previous numbers. Everyone liked the new format. Makes much easier to review.

Playground park equipment - small donations being received.

Couple more donors (donations received) for Plum Creek donor wall.

Walking Path fund increased-money moved from gaga pit, and 2 donors to Walking Path fund.

Motion to approve Kent Kahle, 2nd Phil Maag. All approved. None opposed.

*Review new dollar levels/amounts on Northside donor board. After Kent and Bill reviewed total donations received. It was suggested to increase dollar amount of the levels vs. adding another donation level. A motion by Dick and 2nd by Brett was made to add a new \$ level at the last meeting. Dick rescinded this motion and instead increasing the dollar amount of the existing levels, Brett 2nd the motion. All approved. None opposed.

*Misc. Donations update from Dick- Dick talked to Cranberry Creek for available trees. If we want some of his trees, we need to let him know to get them reserved for us, will keep at \$110/tree. Dick has donations for two trees. Dick needs a place to tell people where their tree will be placed. Maybe place by new parking lot for little league? Currently can place a variety of trees in Plum Creek area or if they can wait for construction completed on North side to plant trees. Dick asked everyone to scope the park for tree placements. We will have a Forester come in and suggest trees to plant. Bill will send email to Forester as a starting point. One

round table is left. Discussed future bench needs-boulder type in flood prone areas? Maybe, regular benches around track where exercise equipment will be placed. Since people reach out to place trees, Phil Maag asked can we add a virtual site on website to pick an area to place tree? We would need to hire a professional to design and maintain website for this.

*Karl Lammers arrived- update on track. Received a truck load today of materials, with more to be delivered. Elwer is the fence contractor. Grandstand will be within the fence. Will probably have to take down fence to build grandstand in a couple of years. AJ Sports, Jackson MI is installing the track. Track will be polyurethane, maroon top with gray exchange lanes. D zone, where hi jump is, will be polyurethane also. \$250,000 for polyurethane and application. 11-14 yrs life, but can then be resurfaced. Karl Lammers reviewed Greg Bockrath's track drawings with the Park Board members.

Grandstand is not in current school budget. Park Board and Karl Lammers discussed school placing concrete area for grandstand at this time or at later date.

Per Karl Lammers, 4 lights and scoreboard will not be installed at this time. Not in current budget. Karl Lammers assured, area inside track will not grow up in weeds.

School is installing concrete walking path from track to field event.

*A storage building with 7 bays (25' x 90' each) is hopefully in near future. This is a joint project of Park, Pioneer and Lions. School could rent one bay for storage.

*Park Board discussed with Karl Lammers, lack of restrooms at Plum Creek Outdoor Classroom. There is a place ready for a port-a-john. Would school want to rent a port-a-john?

*Jessi Grime and Dana Schnipke arrived to give update on Community Center. Group is having monthly meetings this year. The group has picked up a few more members; Kevin Stechsulte, Mike Krouse, Jake Leis, Tom Roof and Tom Rampe. Lincolnview superintendent gave them a very detailed tour of Lincolnview Center. Funds came from the wind turbine income. They added one employee to take care of the new community center. The Kalida group have a couple more facilities they want to visit. Members of their group are splitting up for different areas to focus on. Jessi said they would like to have some bleachers for spectators. Lincolnview uses a key fob for a fee to access and then return the fee when key fob is returned. Kalida group is exploring funding options. Possible tax levy? A park district levy,

would lose local control. Lincolnview cost was \$5 million, 5 years ago. An idea for this group, Park Board has been looking for someone to run concession stand, this may help them to start generating funds and getting their name / interest out in the public. The Lincolnview footprint is 260' x 150'. Jeff Krouse is coming to their next meeting to help talk through plans. Long term, they would have a board. If they have donations coming in now, Scott Kahle can create a fund for them to park the money in the Parks 501c3.

*Updated Recycling/Donation Flyer is completed and posted on Social Media. Extra copies are available.

*Park Reverse Draw will be April 15th-Very important fundraiser for the parks. All donations for auction are handled. Dropping off tickets to Roger G. All tickets are being accounted for. Have questions on work list, covered with Kent. Leroy Wehri is cooking the steaks. Need volunteers to tenderize them.

*AmazonSmile phase out-update(\$2558.99 received to date). There will be an additional final % added on based on 3 months of 2022 sales average.

*Misc. items from Bern, Rita & Jon

-Consider upgrade of Chairs in meeting room at Northside. Talked about getting white chairs. Looked up cost, 4 pack is \$152. These chairs would also require more room to store. This discussion was tabled for future discussion.

-Windows in Northside doors to shed from meeting room-they would like to see frosted or covered somehow.

-Kitchen cleaning at Northside. Bern, Barb H, Nadine cleaned a lot of mice droppings. Grass seed was removed. Called Buckeye Exterminating, and they placed bait stations. Maybe there should be a thorough cleaning yearly.

-Inspection of double doors to shed. Jon E placed steel wool in some of the holes.

-How are we doing on building our "Volunteer" list for light clean up, etc. at parks?

-Does anybody have any light duty items to add to list for these "Volunteers"?

*Social Media updates

-Web site & Facebook-Need someone to maintain. At some point we need to consider hiring someone to build a new website? Can we go in with the Chamber? Scott asked Katie Unverferth, Chamber president. The Chamber is getting a quote from Tristan Perry (Lindsay Remlinger's husband). Katie U will ask him to quote for park also.

-Any updates on Park Cloverdale address issues?-Scott - NO, still looking into.

*Review of grants

-OPWC Green space-Plum Creek Phase II-Bill is/has been working diligently with Rita and Greg to submit and complete, so we know where we are at with final numbers.

-Ohio Capital Grant-is over the funds available from the \$245,000 grant. Bill got itemization from Greg B on cost of School / Park portion. \$24,832 went towards the track for school, so park hopes to recoup.

-ODOT TAP Grant-should hopefully know in April or May.

-OPWC Green space-Riverbend Landing-Priority is to get the restricted appraisal turned into a full appraisal, to include additional properties.

-T-Mobile Grant being resubmitted quarterly, \$50,000.

-ODNR Natureworks Grant for Outdoor Exercise Equipment, \$20,000+ to purchase outdoor exercise equipment. UPDATE: now considering wheelchair swing.

-Poet has a \$4k grant for Leipsic area. Grant looks simple to file. Possibly use to install a concrete sidewalk connecting playground to sidewalk. UPDATE: Park will not file, as Abby (Sarka) Schroeder filed for the Union Twp Cemetery project she has taken on.

-ODNR Urban Canopy Grant for trees-due 10/14/23 (Just keep eye on this for possible changes in 50% match amount base on recent Federal allocations.)

-Village Northland Drive OPWC Grant & Loan. Still in planning/development stages.

*Review of Park projects to be completed by others.

-Update on Father Mark Shed from Brick Street Studios. Kent received copies of the plans Brick Street Studios sent to the State. Don Wehri and Karl Fortman are heading up the construction.

-Update on Wheelchair swing from Taylor Erhart with The Meadows Kalida-they have raised \$5709 so far and hope to have additional fundraisers.

*Discussion of Restroom & Shelter at Plum Creek-start the design process to have on the shelf when ready to move forward.....or hold for now? Will discuss further in future.

*List of smaller projects to complete throughout our parks-Need to compile and prioritize and hopefully find volunteers to take on. Let Bill know of projects and he

will add to the list for future review. -Stripe the parking lot. -Remove fence behind Rampe division homes.

*Misc. Items

-Plum Creek erosion towards large pond. County Engineer has been contacted by Greg Bockrath. Waiting for County Engineer people to get back with Kent. PC Engineer should have a ditch maintenance fund.

-AEP drop area. Any updates-is it still a possibility? Kent thinks this is still a possibility.

-Rental locker idea for parks.-Shuffleboard, Pickle ball, Kayaks eventually? Bill will continue to research.

-Outdoor plastic flyer holders for Kiosks, etc. Bill will be ordering some soon.

*Recycling

-Due to continued pilferage of metal at the recycling center, additional cameras have been added.As previously agreed by email responses, The Park Board paid for two cameras and running power to them.The total investment was \$1773.68, paid from recycling funds. A WARNING sign will be added as well.

-Recyclable values are in a down cycle, but starting to come back a little.

-Cardboard baler(s) to be available in July. Will keep on table for now, depending on what local business might want to do.

-Updated Recycling Flyer has been posted on social media.

*Any other business to come before the Park Board tonight? None.

*Motion to adjourn Kent Kahle. Phil Maag 2nd motion. All approved. None opposed.

