

APPROVED 10/10/18 (MRA)

## Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2018 Meeting

### Attendance:

**Board Chair:** Mike Riegel

**Board Members:** Marc Mignogna, Karl Munder, Andrew Heck, Heather Hobbs Michael

**Newspaper:** Tony Burke (Messenger)

**Excused Absence:** Scott Rieland, George Guevara, and Council Member Hushour.

**Town Staff:** Gina Campanile, Parks and Recreation Manager

- Meeting started at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The August 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

### Chairman's Comments:

- No comments were given or the secretary forgot to record them.

**Councilmember Report:** Council Member Hushour's report was read into the record.

- Basketball court, located over in Twin Arch Park, construction is underway. The council will be re-approving the funding for the court in October. (basically, carrying the money forward from last fiscal year)
- The Beautification Commission meeting was cancelled due to a family emergency for the Commission Chair. But there is a new Christmas decoration they are working on based on the "welcome" sign and the Kiwanis Club was set to attend with interest in discussing Prospect Park improvements.
- Prospect Park: the benches and plaque honoring Travis Norwood have been removed while the wall and area are being evaluated for drainage.
- Our newly elected councilmember is Patty Washabaugh and she will serve as liaison to Streets and Roads.
- Rails to Trails: the big "Boardwalk" grant results will come in October. We are still hopeful of the award...but not guaranteed yet.
- CSX soil samples are complete with results of minor contamination that will require an "encapsulation" plan which will be developed by our engineering firm on retainer. This will have a cost figure attached to it for consideration prior to purchasing the property.
- The summer rain has had an impact on the caboose in terms of minor water leaks and the pavilion is now moving up in priority.

### Town Staff Report

- Manger Gina Campanile gave her report via an excellent PowerPoint presentation.
- Her report covered the following topics
  - Mackenzie the Caboose
  - Project Open Space Grant/CSX property Acquisition for extension of Rails to Trails.
  - POS project grant for a Pavilion located at Summit Ridge Park.
  - Bocce Ball Court at Prospect Park
  - Upcoming Nation Recreation and Park Association Conference in September.
  - Asphalt pad at Watkins Park
  - 5K SOP

### **Visitors**

- Natalie Winter with FitzGerald Financial came before the Board to discuss using Watkins Park to hold a Halloween themed “Dog Pawty” as a way to market her business to perspective clients. She was thanked her for appearing before the board, and was informed that the town cannot control who holds events in the parks. The board gave input, and there was discussion if this type of activity was crossing over into the area of the Economic Development Commission. Chairman Reigel indicated for her to contact him for further information on using the park.
- Chris Gerlich spoke before the Board seeking permission for him to hold the 2019 Galatians 6:2 5K in Watkins Park on August 31, 2019. The Board saw no problem with this request since the event has been extremely well run in the past.

### **Other Items**

- There was discussion on the topic of not requiring a group to seek permission from the board for a repeat event that was run properly previously and there were no complaints from anyone.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm