

# MH Parks Commission Meeting of March 15th, 2021 (via Zoom)

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:00 PM by Chairman Janke

## **Roll Call:**

Present:

Mr. Friedman

Mr. Janke

Mr. Olsson

Mr. Stanard

Mayor Fritz

Mr. Minoff

Mr. DeWater

Absent:

Mrs. Wyatt

Mrs. Renda

Also Present: Randy Nielson (MHHS), Jeff Filarski, Rick Misterka

Agenda:

## **Forest Ridge Pavilion Presentation:**

Mr. Filarski, MH Village Engineer, reviewed the preliminary plans and renderings of the pavilion, along with the site improvements to Forest Ridge.

The pavilion will be 60' x 30' and include a 20' x 20' bump out on the front.

The materials will be manufactured off-site and assembled on location.

There will be a bathroom located in toward the NE corner of the pavilion.

The site improvements also include 2 paved parking areas with handicapped accessible spots.

Chairman Janke liked the design of the pavilion and asked if the restroom could be moved to a less noticeable area, as its proposed location would be in the sight line upon approaching the pavilion.

Mr. Filarski commented that alternative locations were considered. Locating the bathroom to the NW corner of the pavilion could cause an odor problem with winds prevailing from the

West. Another potential location was to move it across the parking lot, but this would cause a safety concern since users would have to cross the parking lot to access it.

Councilman Stanard stated the he understood the challenges with the alternative locations of the bathrooms and asked if the SE corner of the pavilion was an option. If it was not an option, perhaps screening with plantings could help to soften the appearance of the restroom.

Mr. Filarski responded that it could be an option and asked Mr. DeWater if there any issues with that location.

Mr. DeWater stated that it might be a possibility, but the site slopes down in that location. He will evaluate that area for a potential alternative location of the bathroom.

Mr. Olsson agreed that the bathroom should be relocated if possible and supported adding stone to all columns for aesthetics.

Mr. Friedman asked if a strip of asphalt should be added across the driveway, near the handicapped parking spot to provide better access to the path leading to Potts Pier.

Mr. Filarski agreed that adding asphalt was a good idea and he would incorporate it into the site plan.

Mr. Minoff suggested that the front two columns on the bump out have stone added to them. Being the most visible, it would improve the appearance of the pavilion.

Mr. Nielson asked about the open space at the site for play.

Mayor Fritz confirmed that there is plenty open space near the pavilion and throughout the park.

Mayor Fritz summarized the commission members comments.

- Relocate bathroom if possible

- Stone on front two columns, as suggested by Mr. Minoff

- Consideration for height of stone

Mayor Fritz discussed budget

- Funds are available from the Natureworks grant and capitol budget

- There is not a lot of flexibility with the budget, so options will be presented with bids.

- Goal is to bid in April and the bids will have more specific renderings and costs. This will allow for further discussion.

Mayor Fritz outlined time frame

- Bid in sections

  - Infrastructure

  - Structure/Electrical

## Restroom

Motion would be made @ April Council meeting.

Estimated completion would be early Fall.

Mayor Fritz asked that any additional comments regarding the pavilion or site improvements be relayed to Chairman Janke and also invited the commission to attend the next facilities committee meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Update from Mayor Fritz:**

Mayor Fritz has discussed new membership with the Chair and he will give Chairman Janke the opportunity to update the commission.

Mayor Fritz advised that he currently has a standing meeting @ 7 and will discuss the possibility of moving the meetings to Tuesdays with Chairman Janke.

He also conveyed that he received an update from Mr. DeWater concerning the Community Garden and asked the Mr. DeWater update the commission with his findings.

### **Community Garden:**

Mr. DeWater visited the site to take a measurement and to define planting area. Raised beds is not an option for this location.

The garden is 40 x 40, which will allow for 10 plats with a 6 foot path for access to individual plats.

The Service Dept. will till multiple times with final tilling the week before Memorial Day.

Lack of water is a challenge.

Might need to ask people to bring water.

Can research pump that was mentioned by Mr. Misterka.

Mr. DeWater stated that it is important to gauge interest and to establish rules for users to ensure that the space is being maintained. Time frame for end of year clean-up also needs to be established. The garden should be maintained/managed by the users and not be a burden on the Service Dept.

Mr. Olsson asked if more thought has been given to charging a fee to use the garden.

Mr. DeWater suggested a deposit to use the space and make the users responsible.

Chairman Janke shared the Orange Community Garden charges for use which is \$25 fee and \$75 dollar deposit that is refunded at the end of the year.

Councilman Stanard believes there is plenty of interest and believes that it is appropriate for the village to charge a small fee to use the garden. The fees could go toward building a pump to solve the lack of water issue.

Mr. Misterka stated that it would cost approx. \$100 to build the pump.

Mr. DeWater confirmed that it can be ready to plant by Memorial Day weekend.

Chairman Janke will reach out to Mrs. Arrietta for a copy of the current contract to use the garden. He also confirmed that there appears to be enough interest.

#### **Update from MHHS:**

Randy wanted to know if the commission has received the plans from the MHHS and would like to get their ideas on the future agenda. The park is on village property and would be up to the village to make these improvements. The MHHS will advise and possibly provide financial support.

Councilman Stanard suggested that the commission prioritize the improvements and bring those items to the Mayor and council if needed. He asked that the ideas for improvement be prioritized.

Mr. Olsson stated that the list of ideas was quite extensive and asked that the MHHS pick the top 3-5 items that they want the commission to focus on.

Chairman Janke asked the the MHHS bring their priorities to the next meeting so that commission can begin to advance them.

Mr. DeWater noted that the service dept. has moved one of the cabin signs.

#### **New Member Update:**

Chairman Janke and Mayor Fritz have stated a preliminary review of name provided for consideration. The list is 7-8 potential candidates. We will update the commission as soon as decisions are made. He recognized the importance of adding additional active members.

#### **Head for the Hills 2021:**

Chairman Janke spoke with the Mayor and would like to try to plan a road race. He wants to get ahead of planning. He also suggested a virtual component and a "choose your own" option.

Mr. Friedman is excited of the idea and appreciates the lead time. Consideration should be made for time of year and completion of the pavilion. Perhaps late Sept. or early Oct. Now would be the time to start planning. He stated he would be happy to reach out to vendors to get more information. Mr. Friedman asked if other members of the commission had any thoughts on the subject.

Chairman Janke thought that the pavilion would be constructed in in early Fall.

Mr. Friedman asked how the commission thought about the overall approach concerning donations and sponsorship.

Mr. Olsson thought the approach and response for last event was good.

Councilman Stanard suggest that we do not plan for the pavilion to completed. The lead time will drive the time frame of the project. He added that the whole program last year was great.

Mr. Friedman agreed that the virtual option is a great idea.

Chairman Janke commented that the virtual option appeals to non-runners as well.

Mr. Friedman wanted to also focus on getting people out to the parks on a year round basis. One suggestion was group hikes.

Chairman Janke agreed and commented that one of the challenges is our vehicle for marketing. The event last year was grassroots and word of mouth. How can we better market these ideas to the community. He spoke with the South Chagrin Metroparks manager and their naturalist would be eager to give presentations if asked.

Mr. Friedman will reach out to vendor contacts and will bring back info. to the next meeting and asked the commission to consider other ideas. He also stated that we have a good shirt design and just need to update the year.

#### **Approval of Minutes from Parks Commission Meeting held on Oct 19th, 2020**

Any Amendments: None

Votes for Adoption of the motion:

Moved by: Mr. Standard

Seconded by: Alan Olsson

Yes:

Mr. Friedman

Mayor Fritz

Mr. Janke

Mr. Olsson

Mr. Stanard

Service Dept.

No:

Abstain:

Not Voting:

Mr. Minoff

Mayor Fritz

Mrs. Renda

Mrs. Wyatt

**Open Discussion:**

Mr. Olsson asked if additional comments concerning the pavilion should be sent to Chairman Janke directly.

Chairman Janke agreed that was the appropriate way to proceed.

Councilman Stanard asked if the project at Jackson Field had been completed and Chairman Janke confirmed that it was.

**Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

Moved by: Councilman Stanard

Seconded by: Mr. Olsson

Yes:

Mr. Friedman

Mr. Janke

Mr. Olsson

Service Dept.

Councilman Stanard

No:

Abstain:

Not Voting:

Mayor Fritz

Mr. Minoff

Mrs. Renda

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