

# MH Parks Commission Meeting of Jan. 18, 2022

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:04 PM by Chairman Janke

## **Roll Call:**

Present:

Mr. Czayka

Mr. Friedman

Mayor Fritz

Mrs. Freundlich

Mr. Janke

Mr. Minoff

Mr. Olsson

Mr. DeWater

Mrs. Wyatt

Absent:

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Mr. Stanard

Also Present: Mr. Misterka

## **Agenda:**

### **Approval of Minutes from Parks Commission Meeting held on Nov. 16th, 2021:**

Any Amendments: None

Votes for Adoption of the motion:

Moved by: Mr. Janke

Seconded by: Mrs. Wyatt

Yes:

Mr. Czayka

Mr. Friedman

Mayor Fritz

Mrs. Freundlich

Mr. Janke

Mr. Olsson

Mr. DeWater

Mrs. Wyatt

No:

Abstain:

Mr. Minoff

Not Voting:

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Mr. Stanard

**Elect Parks Commission Chair:**

Mr. Janke stated that the Parks Commission will need to elect a new Chair for 2022 and that he can no longer serve in that role as he is now a member of Village Council. He asked that the commission members nominate candidates for the new Chair.

Mr. Janke nominated Mrs. Wyatt, who accepted the nomination. Mr. Friedman and Mr. Minoff were also nominated but declined the nomination.

Elect Mrs. Wyatt as 2022 Parks Commission Chair:

Moved by: Mr. Janke

Seconded by: Mr. Minoff

Yes:

Mr. Czayka

Mr. Friedman

Mayor Fritz

Mrs. Freundlich

Mr. Janke

Mr. Minoff

Mr. Olsson

Mr. DeWater

No:

Abstain:

Mrs. Wyatt

Not Voting:

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Mr. Stanard

### **Updates from Mayor Fritz:**

Mayor Fritz congratulated Mrs. Wyatt on becoming the new Chair and is assured she will do an excellent job.

He stated that Jan-Mar is an active time for coyotes and the village has done a good job at messaging that residents should try to cohabitate with them and not eliminate them. Info. has been shared providing steps to reduce their presence, which include hazing techniques. A coyote sighting report form is now available and will be used to collect data on locations. He also asked that the commission share the reporting form with other residence.

The Mayor shared photos of the trees donated by the residence as a part of the Christmas Tree Donation program. They have been planted to provide additional screening for neighboring homes.

Mayor Fritz added that new trash and recycling bins, stonework, and lights have been added to the pavilion.

The Mayor reviewed the proposed rules and regulations for the use of the pavilion. The rules and regs. had already been presented to council and he now wanted to bring them before the parks commission for input.

Mr. Czayka commented that no firewood should come from out of state to prevent introduction of pests and disease. He also felt that 80 people might be excessive, due to the limitations on parking at Village Park. Mr. Czayka also asked if there was enough time between reservations to clean up?

Mr. DeWater responded that it is the user's responsibility to clean up and empty the cans. If they fail to do so, they could lose their deposit.

Mrs. Freundlich asked if the pavilion could be used if it was not reserved and will reservations be posted at the pavilion so that others who may want to utilize it will know.

The Mayor responded yes to both questions. He also asked that any additional recommendations be emailed to him within the next week, so that he can consider them and finalize the rules/regs.

Mr. Olsson inquired about Mr. Stanard continuing as a member of the commission.

Mayor Fritz answered that he is resigning from the commission.

Mayor Fritz recommended reading *Destiny of the Republic*, which contains the history of President Garfield.

### **Process for approving items/improvements from Park Commission**

Mr. Janke stated that he discussed with the Mayor the process for approving items that the commission wants to recommend improving the parks. The Mayor can approve smaller items, but larger improvements such as a playground, would need to be vetted by the facilities commission or even village council. It will depend on the scope of each item or improvement.

### **Open Discussion:**

Mr. Friedman asked for a balance of the parks commission fund.

The Mayor agreed to obtain it and will let the commission know at the next meeting.

Mrs. Freundlich asked if the WRLC was able to obtain the property owned by HV near Hogsback Cemetery.

Mr. Czayka responded the WRLC did not receive the Clean Ohio funding, so they will be pursuing other routes to fund the acquisition.

Mr. Janke thanked the commission for allowing him to have the opportunity to serve as Chair. He added that is a privilege to work with such an outstanding team of dedicated members.

Mr. DeWater stated that the screening of the gas well is in progress. The service dept. will be using a combination of trees and fencing. He also added that grills will be installed in compliance with the ADA.

Mayor Fritz informed the commission that the dedication for the pavilion is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. He expects that it will be a large event.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn at 7:17 pm:

Moved by: Mr. Minoff

Seconded by: Mr. Olsson

Yes:

Mr. Friedman

Mrs. Freundlich

Mayor Fritz

Mr. Janke

Mr. Olsson

Mr. Czayka

Mr. DeWater

Mrs. Wyatt

No:

Abstain:

Not Voting:

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Mr. Stanard