

# MH Parks Commission Meeting of Sept. 20th, 2021

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:02 PM by Chairman Janke

## **Roll Call:**

Present:

Mr. Czayka

Mrs. Freundlich

Mr. Friedman

Mayor Fritz

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Mr. Janke

Mr. Minoff

Mr. Olsson

Mr. DeWater

Mrs. Wyatt

Absent: Councilman Stanard

Also Present: Mrs. Geck (MHHS), Mr. Misterka

## **Agenda:**

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

Any Amendments: None

Votes for Adoption of the motion:

Moved by: Mr. Minoff

Seconded by: Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Yes:

Mr. Czayka

Mrs. Freundlich

Mr. Friedman

Mayor Fritz

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Mr. Janke

Mr. Minoff

Mr. Olsson

Mr. DeWater

No:

Abstain:

Mrs. Wyatt

Not Voting:

Councilman Stanard

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

Mayor Fritz stated that the pavilion is on schedule and the lumber package should arrive soon and appears to be on track for Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> opening.

The Veterans Day service will be held at Veterans Park again this year and recommendations for speakers should be sent to the Mayor.

Village council will submit a proclamation of support for the WRLC to obtain NRAC funding for purchase of the Chagrin Meadow Preserve.

The Mayor stated that Forest Ridge/Village Park needs more comprehensive rules/regulations. The village has been relying on the conservation easement. Research is currently being done by the administration and the parks commission will be asked for feedback at some point in the process.

#### **Updates from the MHHS:**

Mrs. Geck stated that the draft of the sign for the schoolhouse is complete. She will share it with the parks commission for review.

Temporary signs have been created and the MHHS is working on story boards with QR codes.

Mrs. Geck asked if a timeline was available for the list of improvements being made to the Birth Site Park.

Mayor Fritz confirmed that some of the projects are being worked on and he will be able to provide more details in writing if needed.

Mrs. Hardin-Levine asked if the MHHS would donate a private tour of the Birth Site Park as a fundraiser item for HFTH.

Mrs. Geck commented that the MHHS would be willing to.

**Letter of Support for WRLC:**

Mr. Czayka has drafted a letter from the commission in support of the WRLC acquiring NRAC funding to purchase Chagrin Meadow Preserve.

This property is currently owned by Hunting Valley to prevent development under MH U1 zoning.

If acquired the land would be operated by the WRLC as a public park. A conversation regarding any village involvement would occur down the road.

**Approval for Letter of Support:**

Moved by: Mr. Minoff

Seconded by: Mrs. Wyatt

Yes:

Mr. Czayka

Mrs. Freundlich

Mr. Friedman

Mayor Fritz

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Mr. Janke

Mr. Minoff

Mr. Olsson

Mr. DeWater

Mrs. Wyatt

No:

Abstain:

Not Voting:

Councilman Stanard

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

Mr. Friedman commented that HFTH currently has 60 registrants and signups have averaged 2 per day over the last week.

He will be meeting with Hermes next week to finalize some details of the event.

Mrs. Freundlich has been handing out promo cards at Forest Ridge and Village Park.

Mayor Fritz stated that the village will push out another round of social media posts and add another notice of the event to the newsletter.

Chairman Janke stated that the CVT will run an article in the next edition.

Mrs. Hardin-Levine encouraged the commission members to step up efforts for registrations. She shared that the current donation totals from sponsors were \$5660 and \$2348 from in-kind donations.

Mr. Friedman added that \$1300 in donations have been received through the event website.

Chairman Janke commented that the shirts should be ready prior to the event for preregistration pick-up and signs have been ordered to designate the route for the hike. He stated he will follow up with the teams to ensure that any needs for the event are communicated to the logistics team and the service dept.

### **Open Discussion:**

Mr. Minoff asked about a missing sign at Forest Ridge that indicated that one of the trails was closed.

Mr. Misterka stated that it must have been removed and he will investigate replacing it.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Moved by: Mayor Fritz

Seconded by: Mr. Friedman

Yes:

Mr. Czayka

Mrs. Freundlich

Mr. Friedman

Mayor Fritz

Mrs. Hardin-Levine

Mr. Janke

Mr. Minoff

Mr. Olsson

Mr. DeWater

Mrs. Wyatt

No:

Abstain:

Not Voting:

Councilman Stanard