

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Public Works Park & Rec Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Council Members Present: Zircher, Lowery, Tennant

Council Members Absent: None

Present: Scott Gilliland- Mayor
Jamie Argyle – Fiscal Officer Trainee
Brandon Roberts, Village Administrator

Mayor Gilliland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.; followed by roll call; led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and asked for a moment of silence for the US Armed Forces.

Public Comments: None

New Business: Gilliland turned meeting over to Councilman Zircher as he was the one to call for the meeting and put together the agenda; Zircher stated previously he spoke with Ed Vanvickle, Brandon Roberts, and Amanda Wolin about getting a Parks & Rec sub-committee to advise council on any Parks related issues. Zircher stated Mike Fultz, Village Solicitor, advised him to the Ohio Revised Code to get things in motion; Zircher stated the ORC has a two different options to set up a group of sort, to report to council.

Option 1. Board of Parks Commissioners; Need to collect petitions from 5% of the Village and submit to election board to put on a ballot; a board of park commissioners. That body would consist of three people appointed by the Mayor. Those three people would have one, two and three year terms.

Option 2. Is a Recreation Board where the existing village council could decide to create a recreation board consisting of five people however two of those people would have to be members of Bloom Carroll Board of Education or recommended by Bloom Carroll Board of Education.

Gilliland offered a 3rd option; Current council rules allows for a creation of a Special Committee that is approved by council and is discharged upon receipt of a report as far as that special task goes. We could amend the council rules that allow us to create a sub-committee under our standing committees. We would have to draft an amendment under rule 7 and rule 8 allowing the creation of sub-committees to serve as report mechanism to our standing committees. Council would have to approve this amendment. Councilman Zircher asked that we check with Mike Fultz to verify this 3rd option.

Councilman Lowery asked of the Pros & Cons of options 1 and 2; Does one option give more “teeth” than another? Zircher replied no, both seem to give authority that would be needed.

Joe Taylor, in the audience asked if we are looking in to putting in a soccer field? Gilliland stated they are looking at Alice Smith park right now. Mr. Crabtree, in the audience stated soccer fields would take away from the wildlife and honeybees. Gilliland stated they are not necessarily looking at putting in soccer fields. Mr. Crabtree wants this land for parks, wildlife and the honeybees. Public commenter asked about creating a nature preserve and walking trails in the community. Gilliland stated he and Roberts are looking for a place to start the initial plans for all of these issues; both Roberts and Gilliland are opened to suggestions from the community. There is potential in the community to start projects however we only have limited funds to work with and everything we would do would have to be approved.

Joe Taylor asked about getting the wildflower seed done. Roberts responded it is about two acres at a time. Roberts would like to see a parking lot put in first and also put a two-story cabin to get people drawn in then start the two acres plots for the bees. Roberts advised of the declarations of restrictions and offered a copy out to the public. Public commenter offered to volunteer his time to help; His background is with this type of projects.

Councilman Zircher asked Roberts if he has authorization or what he would need to start projects such as the parking lot; Gilliland interjected and advised there is \$15K or \$20K in the 2018 budget to help get started with that; Gilliland also stated we do have money in our parks fund now to do projects. Zircher suggested to set up more meetings to strategize plans and set up a sub-committee as well as get feedback from the community. Gilliland advised he would work with Mike Fultz to get things started and advise his help.

Joe Taylor asked about plans for a walking bridge or walking paths. Gilliland stated he has been looking for grant funding for this purpose. Zircher advised to compare walking paths to sidewalks as easements would be a factor.

Joe Taylor also asked if something could be added to the newsletter about the Garden Club needing members. Public commenter stated that would be a good project for the Boy Scouts.

Zircher advised he will wait for Mike Fultz before determining next meeting and future steps going forward. Gilliland will get with Mike Fultz about the possible option of amending rule 7 and 8 which would have to be presented to council and have three readings.

Gilliland then asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Zircher moved, seconded by Councilman Lowery. Rollcall: Ayes: Lowery, Tennant, Zircher, Roberts, Gilliland; Nays: None. **Meeting adjourned @ 5:55p.m.**

Jamie L. Argyle
Clerk, Village of Lithopolis