

Parks and Rec Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 13, 2023
Call to Order at 6:00pm by Chairperson Sutton

Roll Call by Vicki Scott:
Present: Dickenson, Klaas, Muoio, Sutton, (Fisher arrived at 6:02 p.m.)
Absent: Pomilia
Others Present Cynthia Cutright, K. DeCoster, D. Zielinski, M. McGovern

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Klaas, seconded by Muoio, to approve the agenda as presented.
All Ayes
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Klaas, seconded by Muoio, to approve the December 12, 2022 minutes as presented.
All Ayes
Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **DNR 5 Year Plan** – Cutright explained the plan has been submitted to the state. It has been accepted and pending their final review. I do not for see any issues popping up for them not accepting it. Once I receive final word it has been officially accepted, I will up the committee. This does not prohibit us from going forward with seeking grants.
2. **Spark Grant 1st Round - Tierney Park** – Cutright explained we received word that we did not receive the Tierney Park Spark Grant. They funded less than 5% of the grants that were submitted. They ended up funding less than they said they would. They originally said they would fund 20 million dollars in grants, but only ended up funding 14 million dollars' worth of projects in 21 communities. There is 50 million dollars still available in the spark grant fund. They have removed references to round 2 and round 3. Cutright suggested we be prepared to submit the next time it opens. Although our first submittal was complete, it was recommended to have a site plan or additional renderings going forward. Discussion followed. Cutright will share the original language in the first grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. McKenna Invoices –

MOTION by Klaas, seconded by Muoio, to approve invoice #22-050-4 from McKenna for an invoice total of \$2,660.00.

Roll call:

Ayes: Klaas, Muoio, Dickinson, Sutton, Fisher

Nays: None

Motion carried

MOTION by Klaas, seconded by Muoio, to approve invoice #22-050-5 from McKenna for an invoice total of \$380.00

Roll call:

Ayes: Klaas, Muoio, Fisher, Dickinson, Sutton

Nays: None

Motion carried

2. Spark Grant 2nd Round - Lester St. Park– Sutton explained Cutright suggested forming a subcommittee to work on round 2 for the spark grant as soon as possible.

MOTION by Klaas, seconded by Sutton, to formalize a subcommittee of 3 members (Fisher, Klaas, and Sutton) to work on round 2 spark grant.

All ayes

Motion carried

Discussion followed on ideas to bring to Lester St. Park; brick pavers walking path, disc golf, drainage issue, and possible ice skating rink. Cutright explained, the next round for spark grants has not been announced yet. Cutright will update the board once it has been announced.

3. Permit Schedule for Lester St. Park Baseball Fields – Klaas explained last year one of the travel baseball teams from Croswell wanted to utilize our baseball field for practices and was the sole person using the field every night. I received a phone call from another Croswell Little League group asking to use the field. The first call was Phil Jackson and the other one was Amanda Cayce from the Little League group. Klaas suggested coming up with a schedule so both teams can use the field. Moving forward it would be nice to work with the little league group to help maintain the field. Discussion followed.

MOTION by Klaas, seconded by Fisher, to allow Croswell Little League Teams and Croswell Travel Team to utilize our field to practice on Lester as long as they willing to work out an organized schedule that will be shared with the Village.

All ayes

Motion carried

4. Harbor Improvement Project – Cutright explained in late January the state legislature put forward a bill that allocates 8 million dollars to the Village of Lexington for harbor improvements. We are in the process of working with Senator Lauwers who needs to officially submit the grant proposal to the state budget office for that allocation. We will create the grant agreement through MEDC. We will have 8 million towards a total 12-million-dollar project which includes both uplands and the docks/marina as controlled by DNR. We are working with the DNR on how we come up with that gap funding so they can fulfill their requirements they need for their docks. This is brand new and still in the works.

By May 1, 2023 is when they need the grant agreement signed. I wouldn't expect we will see any progress with construction until the fall or probably spring of 2024 by the time we have a full understanding of what we will need through the design and engineering process. Muoio asked if the funds will be channeled through the DDA. Cutright explained yes it will be. There will be a working group with the DDA, the Village, Planning Commission, Parks & Rec, and the DNR to complete the project. The total 8 million will not go all into the docks. This was written for the Village not just for the DNR. We do have a MOU with the DNR as well so we do want to work together. Discussion followed.

5. **Agenda & Minutes on Village Website** – Sutton explained this has already been done.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kathy DeCoster (5203 Main St.) - commented on the brick pavers, skating rink bladder, and splash pad at Tierney Park.
- David Zielinski (5203 Main St.) – commented on the private boat docks and Tierney Park.
- Mike McGovern (7316 Simons St.) – commented on the private boat docks and DDA boundaries.
- D. Klaas – commented on future applications for the Parks & Rec Board. Before the application goes to Council having each board reach out to future applicants to see if they are full time or part time residents. Muoio suggested having that question on the application.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Klaas, seconded by Sutton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm.

All Ayes

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Scott
February 13, 2023