

MINUTES– PARKS BOARD

City of Trenton, Ohio

May 27, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

Special Parks Board Meeting

Meeting Place: Civic Hall, 11 E. State Street

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Chairman Ryan Perry.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Mr. Perry, Ms. Hale, Ms. Haas, Ms. McIntosh and Mr. Hill

Motion to excuse Ms. Cooney and Ms. Fry was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Ms. Hale. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve or amend the minutes of the May 11, 2021 Parks Board Meeting as submitted was approved by Ms. Hale and seconded by Ms. Hass. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Parks Board Personnel

Mr. Perry recommends naming Phoebe Fry as an honorary lifetime member of the Parks Board. Noting she has been on the Parks Board for 17 years. Motion to approve made by Ms. Hale and seconded by Ms. McIntosh. All were in favor.

2. Playground Equipment

Rob presented three vendors for consideration.

Before the individual presentation, there was much discussion around the playground surfacing options. Rob advised the board that we currently use EWF (engineered wood fiber) playground mulch at all of our parks. EWF requires daily maintenance including, adding new mulch when needed, raking mulch and inspecting for foreign objects. This is a daily job that the Public Works department performs. It is cheaper at \$5,000-\$8,000. The alternative option for surfacing is Pour in Place Rubber (PIP). This surfacing has a lifetime expectancy of 20 years with required maintenance in approximately 5 years. In order to prolong the life of PIP, spraying on a rejuvenator product every 5 years is recommended. Burns and other major damage will require the PIP vendor to spot-cut and

replace a damaged section. PIP may shrink and harden over the years due to environmental conditions. PIP could pay for itself after 12 years of use if properly maintained. Mr. Hill asked, what the life expectancy of the actual equipment is. Rob advised approximately 20 years. Ms. McIntosh asked if PIP and EWF are the only two options available. Rob advised, they are the two options we inquired on, however field turf is also a popular surfacing option. Field turf is \$2-\$3 less per square foot than the PIP, making the cost about \$70K-\$80K. Ms. Hale asked if EWF is accessible for wheel chairs. Rob stated it is technically ADA compliant but it may not be easy for wheel chairs to navigate on. Mr. Perry advised the board that two members of the public (Councilwoman Harris and Councilman Perry) are present and invited to comment at this meeting. Councilwoman Harris has concerns with potential damage/vandalism to the PIP and feels once cameras are working it will cut down on damage making it a better option, at a later date.

Kinetic Recreation, DWA Recreation (GameTime) and Midstates Recreation are the three vendors we have quotes from. First presentation was Kinetic Recreation. Kinetic Recreation offered two surfacing options with the same piece of equipment. The first option is for \$224,183.94 which includes Pour in Place Rubber surfacing. Second quote is \$158,107.44 and includes Engineered Fiber Wood (playground mulch). Ms. McIntosh has some questions with the color availability and the durability of the sun shade materials. Rob advised the colors are unlimited and can be mixed and matched. Rob advised the board, PW will prepare the area for installation of the new equipment.

DWA Recreation is a distributor for GameTime, we attempted to get additional information for this meeting, however, we did not receive a response. DWA quoted EWF surface and two different options for equipment. Option 1 is \$172,502.55 and Option 2 is \$132,100.23. Option 1 has a tall climbing piece. Several board members voiced concern about the overall safety of this piece. Option 1 also has many ground level ADA interactive pieces. Option 2 offers fewer pieces, the board is less interested in. Overall board members feel Option 2 is a downgrade to what we have. It has lots of slides and is wheelchair accessible but not much to play on. The shade covers on option 2 appear to be hard plastic as opposed to mesh material on Kinetics proposal.

Midstates Recreation offered two options. Option 1 is \$234,485.00 it is EWF surfacing and Option 2 is \$235,970.00 and offers PIP surfacing. Both options exceeds ADA requirements. Option 1 included the Aero Glider (Wheelchair interactive piece), many members of the board expressed interest in including an Aero Glider into whatever option is selected. Option 2, the structures are fewer and are spread out. Rob advised ETA is still at 10-14 weeks for equipment. Rob advised we have 10% contingency built into the budget for unforeseen expenses. Rob concluded presentation adding all of the vendors expressed interest in meeting and presenting to the board. All vendors are willing to modify designs, add to, subtract from and substitute pieces to fit the City's needs.

Questions on the playground installation timeline revolved mainly around having the installation completed prior to the Fall Fest. The last council meeting expressed concerns that the park equipment needs to be available for use during Fall Fest. Rob advised these quotes are only valid 30-60 days and the price is likely to increase, if we wait. We will need approximately 3 weeks to complete the install. One week for PW to prepare the area for install and two work weeks for the vendor to install. Rob proposed, once we get an ETA on the equipment, PW can coordinate the removal and install of the new equipment with the Fall Fest. Adding if we cannot get it done in time we will hold off until after Fall Fest, but if we can get it finished before, it would be so nice to have for Fall Fest. Ms. Hale checked the calendar and advised if we get it ordered in the next 2-3 weeks, it puts install into September. Mr. Perry asked if the board is prepared to put together a recommendation for council tonight. Mr. Hill advised he is in favor. Both Mr. Hill and Ms. McIntosh prefer Kinetics Rec proposal with the PIP surface. Overall the board agreed they are not interested in DWA's proposal or Midstates option 2. The board agreed to wait until we can meet with the vendors and get a better understanding of the proposal and our available options per vendor. Councilwoman Harris asked if the board could decide on just the surfacing selection. Mr. Hill states he is in favor of the PIP for many reasons. Ms. McIntosh agreed. Kinetic Recreations proposal offered the best equipment with PIP in our price range. The only concern with the Kinetic proposal is the shade material and how it may fade over the years. Ms. Hale stated with the PIP, it looks better and is more inclusive for ADA mobility. Some members again stated their concerns with the security and potential damage to PIP. It is a big investment and hard to protect until fiber is connected and cameras are online. Rob advised the board, we have \$100,000.00 in the budget currently for fiber to the park and \$20,000.00 for cameras. This amount should put us close to being able to complete the project. Ms. Hale asked about paying for repairs and if we have insurance to use in the case of major damage. Rob advised the board, we had significant damage to the parks last week and we will be filing an insurance claim. Councilman Perry asked where the fiber would run from. Rob advised we have two options. Option 1 is the Fire Station, but will require more work and take longer, due to the obstacles between the locations. Option 2 is the old fire station, less obstacles and easier to get installed. Mr. Perry recommended picking the equipment we want now and possibly budgeting for PIP to be installed at a later date. Councilwoman Harris reiterated, that the board is interested in the Kinetic proposal and the Midstates Aero glide. The board agreed to wait until the vendors present to make a recommendation. Rob will contact vendors for availability. Mr. Perry will add the Parks Board meeting to the schedule based on vendor availability. All board members were in favor.

Mr. Perry addressed a question from FB. The question was is in regards to opening a pool and the City buying Walnut Grove Property. Mr. Perry answered that the property is not currently for sale. The property is for Rent.

REPORTS BY THE BOARD OR CITY ADMINISTRATORS:

No reports.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

June 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM, in person at the Civic Hall 11 E. State Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Perry asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made to adjourn was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Ms. Haas. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

***Please be advised that these minutes have not been reviewed, amended or approved by the Parks and Recreation Board and will be done so at their next regular scheduled meeting on June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**