

June 6, 2018

Vice President Selman called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Attending was Vice President Selman and Board Members Carpenter, Poor and Adams. Absent was President Wahlig. Also attending Superintendent Matt Hanna, Events and Marketing Coordinator Onofrietti and residents Richard and Holly Dowidat.

The minutes of May 2, 2018 were approved with a motion by Member Adams and a second by Vice President Selman. All were in favor.

The minutes of the May 15, 2018 Special Meeting were approved pending one correction with a motion by Member Poor and a second by Member Adams.

Star Gazing Event- Richard and Holly Dowidat told the Board that this year, between July 29th and July 31st, Mars will be closer than it's been since 2003. In 2003 they set up telescopes in the Park with Tony Wright for people to view Mars as well as other constellations. This would be a similar event. They would run the event all three nights from dusk to midnight. They have already contacted teachers at MSD to include the student body as well. They would handle everything but wanted to get permission to hold the event in the Park. This would be a free event for all the public to enjoy. Member Adams made a motion to allow the Star Gazing Event, Member Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Memorial Certificates- At the request of the Board at the previous meeting, Event Coordinator Onofrietti handed out the proposed Tree Memorial Certificate, combining the ideas from all three examples. The Board approved the changes and Vice President Selman made a motion to accept this draft as the new Certificate. Member Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Pig Out in the Park- Supt. Hanna reported that they had great weather and an even better turnout than the past. We ran out of food around 12:30. Hanna said that inevitably if we bought more next year, it would rain, and we would get stuck with a bunch of leftovers. Vice President Selman suggested we advertise that it is from 11:00am-1:00pm or until we run out of food. Vice President Selman also suggested that we purchase more than enough spoons and forks next year. It was embarrassing that we ran out. Hanna said that there was \$311.00 in the donation box. Hanna also stated that the baked beans were a hit and easy to provide. Adams said that many people stopped and thanked the park for doing this. Vice President Selman asked if we can increase the meat to 400 pieces next year. Hanna said they would. Selman suggested a sign could be made to tell people what they get. Hanna said over all it was a great event to advertise and network with the community.

Land Donation- Supt. Hanna said this is still moving forward. He spoke with Mr. Persechino and thought all that was left was to perform a survey. He said that because this is in the extra territorial district of the City, there were other steps that needed to be taken. Hanna said he really wanted to keep this moving forward and get the deed signed so that everyone can sit back and know this will become protected. Hanna said he would keep everyone updated and hoped to wrap it up by the end of summer.

IOOF Building- Supt. Hanna said he had spoken to Tom Spidel and they are willing and ready to sell this to the Park. Tom said they plan to put the proceeds back into the community. They still want to hold their meetings there, so long as they are active. Hanna said he saw no issue with this. Hanna said the tricky part of this is the financing of the property. Hanna said the park doesn't currently have enough money to purchase but Deb is trying to figure out a way to do it. Deb is checking to see if we can borrow money from another fund and pay back that fund with our Cumulative Building Fund. She has been in contact with the AIM attorneys and the State Board of Accounts. Hanna expressed the high demand for this building and that the City could not pass on this opportunity. Member Adams asked about the cost of this. Hanna said until it is appraised, all they can do is speculate. The taxable value is somewhere in the ballpark of \$250,000. Hanna said that the IOOF are willing to pay for one of the two required appraisals. Hanna said the building would give the park year-round revenue. He said he would continue working toward this and keep the Board updated.

Hornbacher Property- Supt. Hanna said that after the May meeting, he proceeded to order the two appraisals for this property. They have 30 days to complete, which will be June 10th. Hanna said he requested appraisals from both Rose and Krebs and they both said they would get it done. Hanna said if the appraisals show acceptable property values, which he assumes they will, they can move forward on that purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

Civil War Days- Supt. Hanna informed the Board that due to the US 20 closure this year, the Civil War Days has been cancelled by the organizers that put it on. Hanna said the detour provided through the park is still not big enough to get buses and trailers back to the park and the organizers felt it should be cancelled.

Summer Project Updates- Supt. Hanna reported that the Cosmos have been planted, Firemen's Parking Lot is complete and the dirt work around the new restrooms was done. Member Adams asked if the trees donated by the Trines have been planted. Hanna said they are in the ground but will require some more finish work before he can call it done. Hanna said that due to water issues back along the trail to the middle school, they had contacted Diggin and Dozin to give a quote for some tile work and repair. They quoted \$1000 to fix the areas that we mow along the path if when they brought out grade equipment, there was sufficient fall. Hanna asked if he found the money if this project could be done this year. Member Carpenter made a motion to proceed with getting the water issue resolved, Member Poor seconded. All were in favor. Vice President Selman asked if there were plans to replace some of the Crab Apple trees that have died along the trail. Hanna said he would like to plant shade trees along the edge of the mow line, in between the crab trees. That way when the crab trees are gone, there are others that have already begun taking their place. Vice President Selman also asked about the asphalt breaking up on the trail. She felt like it looks worse. Hanna said in 2013, \$10,000 was spent to band aid the trail for a few years. He feels it needs torn out, new base and new asphalt pavement put in. Hanna feels this would be very expensive. Vice President Selman said we should at least get numbers for this. Hanna said he would get some rough numbers.

Park Improvement Donation- Supt. Hanna said that Duke Imports have given \$10,000 to the City and the Mayor has decided to give \$5000 to the Park to be used for park improvements. Hanna said this would be put in a donation account and used where needed.

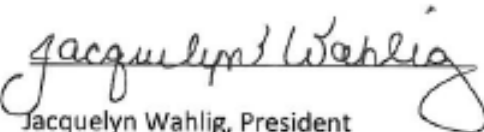
4th of July- Event Coordinator Onofrietti said that all the entertainment is set and ready for the event. Hanna said they may have issues with parking due to the US 20 closure, but he would work on that. Hanna asked if the Board still wanted to do the hotdog give-away? The Board said they would like to do it. Vice President Selman, Member Poor and Member Carpenter all said they would be there to help.


OTHER BUSINESS

Frankenfest- Event Coordinator Onofrietti said that she was contacted by a group who wanted to do a Frankenfest at the Selman Timber Frame the same weekend as Fall Fest. She informed them that the pavilion was being used that weekend. They then wanted to know if they could use the stage or one of the other pavilions along with the Ralph Martin Walkway to do their Frankenwalk. Supt. Hanna said that he felt the stage idea cannot be done because we don't rent that to anyone. The question is should they have to rent the pavilion, or will the Board allow them to use it for no cost. The Board discussed that every other group wanting to do a walk, must pay for the pavilion. Vice President Selman said that any time an exception is granted, it comes back to bite us.

Movie Night- Event Coordinator Onofrietti asked the Board if anyone could help doing concessions during movie night, June 22nd. They said they would let her know.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 11:37 AM.


Jacquelyn Wahlig, President


Matt Hanna, Secretary