



Park & Rec Committee Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2023 - 1:00 PM
AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Action on Minutes
 - a. August 16, 2022
 - b. November 14, 2022
3. Miles Estate updates/discussion
4. Dog Park - Girl Scout Volunteers for community service project
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn



Park & Rec Committee
Tuesday, August 16, 2022 - 10:00 AM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Marvin Block called the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for August 16, 2022 to order at 10:04 am

Members Present - Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren, Marvin Block
Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Stanearth, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - Craig Bohning, Richard Waugh, Dick Mosley, Keith Ryan

2. Action on Minutes

ACTION: Chip Dutcher moved to approve all minutes; Sharon Hendren seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren, Marvin Block

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

a. March 15, 2022

b. April 19, 2022

c. June 21, 2022

d. July 19, 2022

3. Concord Crossing East Green Space

Sean Stanearth said developer Joe Ciminello has an area of green space in his development plan that has been questioned as to what should be done with it. There have been many amenity options discussed, Sean said whichever option is chosen, he would recommend that the City accept the "triangle" piece of property to square off what the city already owns. Options have been narrowed to three:

1. Keep as a passive park; trails, green space, trees. The HOA president is willing to keep it and maintain it with no expense to the city.
2. Create an active park; if the city wants to acquire this now and begin to make some extensive plans, put in pickle ball courts etc., the developer is willing to give the green

space to the city. The HOA does not want to maintain.

3. Put a fifty year option on it; that the city would have the option to purchase for \$1.00, allow the developer to complete his project and let the HOA maintain it as a passive park for now, then over the next fifty years, if the city wants to take it over and make into a more active park, they would have the ability to do so. A contract would need to be signed with the HOA prior.

Discussion on drainage in the area, the retention pond, potential developer improvements and the options presented.

ACTION: Chip Dutcher moved to recommend that council accept the triangle property adding to the trailhead/mastodon site and the fifty year option; Sharon Hendren seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Chip Dutcher, Sharon Hendren, Marvin Block

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

4. Splash Pad

Marvin Block said he discussed the grant funds received with the Siekmans, they confirmed that the city can use the grant money to acquire property for the future project. Mr. Block showed three parcels adjacent to Hannahs Park, currently owned by Terry Henson, and said that Mr. Henson would ask \$50,000 per lot. Discussion on the city's previous attempt to purchase these lots at auction. Chip Dutcher said the fact that this property is contiguous to Hannahs Park, it is natural that we should want it and try and find resources to pay for it, if we can use grant money to acquire these three parcels, he thinks it would be a good idea.

ACTION: Sharon Hendren moved to recommend to council that the city negotiate with the property owner to buy the three lots and pay up to \$150,000, pending the release of the money from the state and that we notify odnr that we are planning to move the splash pad location to one of these lots; Chip Dutcher seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Sharon Hendren, Chip Dutcher, Marvin Block

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

5. Band Shell

Discussion on the grant funds received for the amphitheater and the need to get a phased plan, will continue discussion next month.

6. Other Business

1. Marvin Block said that he touched base with the train station property owner and was told that "we are at a different stage now, things have changed with Intel coming.

2. Richard Waugh provided an update on the Concord Road parking lot
3. Longwell Miles - trustee filed, at the probate judges office, non oral hearing September 13th
4. Licking Park District has chosen their new Director, Kyle Lund starts August 29th

7. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.



Park & Rec Committee
Monday, November 14, 2022 - 4:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Sharon Hendren called the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for November 14, 2022 to order at 4:08 pm

Members Present - Sharon Hendren, Nicole Shook, Charlie Campbell
Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Stanart, Jack Liggett, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - Craig Bohning, Dick Moseley, Keith Ryan, Connie Ryan

Sharon Hendren voted in for Committee Chair; Charlie Campbell voted in as Vice Chair.

2. Action on Minutes

a. August 16, 2022

Committee had not reviewed minutes, there was no motion to approve.

3. Miles Estate

Keith Ryan provided an update on the Miles Estate. The next hearing is January 3rd at 9:00 am. That they are working with the Licking Park District trying to come up with a split for what works best for this property. They have decided they will work with their designer who will survey the property, we will split the cost and decide what will be the best fit for the property. Licking Park District would run more of the passive recreation and the Greater Johnstown Park and Rec (GJPRD) would run the active side of the estate whatever those numbers are. Tom James EDG (Environmental Design Group) was hired by the Licking Park District to do a master plan for the site. Dick Moseley said their last meeting was at the school board office with Johnstown schools and GJPRD, they decided at that meeting it would be good to have a master plan done that would include the needs of the school, GJPRD and the Licking Park District. Mr. Moseley said the judge said they need to work it out and that is what they are trying to do. "Johnstown Interest" is a collaboration between the City of Johnstown, Johnstown-Monroe School District and the Greater Johnstown Park and Rec District. Discussion on school capacities and potential for a new school site on part of the 168 acres.

Connie Ryan, Longwell relative, provided history on the property and the Longwell Miles Estate and the will which states the property is to be given to the Village of Johnstown, Liberty Township and the greater Johnstown area. Ms. Ryan went on to discuss the neglect of the property and house and General Miles' personal effects under estate trustee Roger Smith and that he is giving the estate to Licking County Parks. Ms. Ryan said although Licking County Parks does a wonderful job, the surviving five siblings are very upset that the will is not being honored, she said the will says Johnstown, not Licking County, they would be in favor of the schools getting property as well as GJPRD and

believe the Licking Park District should get the least amount because they are not even in the will. Mr. Moseley said that the people that benefit the most from a park development, are the local folks, that the people of Johnstown and Liberty Township will benefit as much from their part of the development as anyone else, he does not ever want anyone to have the impression it is "us against you". They have done three cooperative projects with the city, they funded the Trailhead Park restroom, the Dog Park and projects for the bike trail, resurfacing etc. They have been working with this community and Johnstown area for some time and they want to benefit Johnstown. Some further history was explained for the benefit of new committee members, discussion on the \$850,000 that is also a part of the estate. Mr. Moseley said the way it is set up right now is that \$500,000 would come with the 168 acres and the other \$350,000 will be to pay off any unpaid taxes and set up a scholarship fund. It was noted that all of the money would be used exclusively for this park.

4. Splash Pad

City awarded \$250,000 toward a splash pad.

5. Amphitheatre

City awarded \$150,000 Capital Improvement Funds.

Jack Liggett said he could talk to the engineers to see how far they could get with the money awarded for each project, the funds awarded must stay with the respective projects, potential to begin and be phased. Sean proposed waiting and seeing what MKSK Greenway Park plan shows for the best locations, also need to consider engineering and operating costs once facilities are in operation, need to take some time and plan it correctly.

6. Licking Park District updates

The new Concord parking lot for the bike trail is complete and in use. Mr. Mosely noted that Carol Van Deest is coming to their board meeting on Wednesday to present on the Miles Estate.

Kyle Lund is the new Licking Park District Director. He was the former Groveport Park Director.

7. Downtown Johnstown, Inc. updates

Downtown Johnstown gave the city \$500 toward the cost of the new winter street pole banners. They have also purchased the Christmas wreaths for twelve downtown street poles, they started a donation fundraiser to cover the cost. The city service department will put them up. Discussion on decorating the gazebo.

Steve Dyer is trying to organize a 5K run as a fundraiser for the Greater Johnstown Park & Rec District.

8. Other Business

1. Sean, Ciminello option three, no desire to change.

9. Adjourn

With no further business the meeting adjourned approximately 5:00 pm