



RICHFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2016
MINUTES

The Richfield Village Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Daniels, Kovak, Burlotos and Keske.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made by Daniels and second by Kovak to approve the December 7, 2015 minutes as amended. Motion approved.

ELECTION OF POSITIONS:

Chairman. A **MOTION** was made by Daniels and second by Kovak to nominate Keske as Chairman. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman. A **MOTION** was made by Daniels and second by Kovak to nominate Stulak as Vice Chairman. Motion approved.

Tree Commission. A **MOTION** was made by Daniels and second by Keske to nominate Kovak to Tree Commission Rep.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jocek introduced new Councilperson, Pat Healy to the board. She will be the new Council Rep to Park Board.

The Town Hall baseball lights are up but not operating as of now. They are working on the electric and when finished we will have a dry run.

There was a discussion on the town hall ball field and how we are going to improve it for the upcoming season. Jocek stated that we are going to remove a driveway that is located on the side of third base. We believe that this is a major part of the drainage issue on that field.

In the 2016 budget was allocations for the Johnson Barn bathrooms and the Masonic Bathrooms. Jocek stated that the Johnson bathrooms will be a big plus for day camp.

The Recreation Department is holding another Open House on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 10:30 am. The last Open House was a big success.

Jocek is planning a fundraiser for the Eastwood Barn repair. There was \$10,000 put in the 2016 budget for engineering for this repair of the barn. There is a group of Eastwood Gardeners that are willing to help with this endeavor.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT CON'T: Also in the 2016 budget was an allocation for the road behind the Town Hall to Broadview Rd. The amount is 1.3 million.

Jocek will be going to the OPRA convention on Jan. 30- Feb 3, 2016. It will be held at Kalahari.

Jocek stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the recreation center. It was suggested at a past Park Board meeting to invite Keith Shy to this meeting but Jocek stated she felt that he did not have enough information about the operation of the Girl Scout Camp at this time. We will schedule it for an upcoming meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor stated that the 2016 budget was passed and that it is \$12.8 million. That is up 2.4 percent from 2015. The Council President is Rodger Swan and he is also Planning and Zoning Rep. The Mayor stated that Mr. Swan has made some changes by placing the tables on the floor of the Council Chambers during the work sessions.

Beshara reported that she has hired a full time assistant for Planning and Zoning department and is in the process of moving the offices across the hall from where they were.

Beshara stated that she is on the NRAC board as well as AMATS. She also belongs to MAPSS, (Mayor's Association of Portage, Stark and Summit County) .

There is an open forum on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:30 pm with the Joint Recreational board. This meeting will be for public input.

The Township has moved out of the old house behind the police department. There open house is on Thursday, January 22, 2016.

The Mayor attended the Open House at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. They were showing the RAMTEC project and addition.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Beshara informed the board that a new business will be coming to Kinross Lakes. It is part of the Eagle Family Food company. The company employs 20 people with a payroll of \$5 million.

The Village settled the eminent domain lawsuit against the Bigazda Trust. The estimated value of the property is \$370,000. This property will be used for road into the south side of Wheatley to be used for development.

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NEW BUSINESS CONT.

Burlotos asked about the water tower location. Mayor stated that they are in discussion with Cleveland Water and that they are considering the new location. The Mayor is in discussions with the property owner.

On January 26, 2016 at 6:30pm there will be a joint meeting with Council and Planning and Zoning to discuss the Knopp House and the Brecksville Rd service garage. The new time for planning and zoning meetings will be 7:00 pm

The departments annual reports are due in February.

The Joint Rec District will be the presenter at the Chamber meeting in February.

The Mayor's State of the Village will be April 6, 2016.

TREE COMMISSION: The Mayor said that she will contact Jim Kahoe to have a meeting to discuss Arbor Day.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: None

Next meeting is on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Jocek, Director
Richfield Parks and Recreation

Accepted by: _____

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