

**PARK BOARD MEETING
Foster Community Center
October 9, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zoe Ahlstrom, Rick Kibbey, Michael Ruddock, Mike Dombrowski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Veronica Gracia-Wing, Erika Poland, Kimberly Whitfield

OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Kellie Brown, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 6:39 p.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: Rick Kibbey asked to add Red Cedar to the agenda, Kaschinske added under updates.

BOARD MEETING MINTUES: Kibbey moved to approve the September 11, 2019 minutes as submitted, seconded by Ruddock. 4 yeas; 0 nays

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan Process

Kaschinske reviewed the changes to the proposed planning schedule and stated the plan has a hard due date to the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources of February 1, 2021. The meetings may start prior to May 2020, however he cautioned about changing any dates for Council, especially since those dates are around the holidays.

Kaschinske compiled a list of accomplishments and goals from the previous plan to review with Board.

Kibbey inquired if regarding the “no mow” zone/naturalization if there could be productivity to educate people on this.

Kaschinske stated if the board wants more naturalized areas, they need to work with neighborhoods.

Dombrowski asked if the new plan would have a survey and could this be one of the questions.

Ahlstrom inquired if there are results from the last goals and could the board get hard copies of Brett’s list. Also, were there metrics put in place.

Dombrowski asked the purpose of the plan.

Kaschinske stated it set the vision and used to apply for grants through the State.

Ahlstrom inquired if the plan has to be approved by the State to permit grant submissions.

The plan is approved by Council and placed on file with the State.

Kaschinske stated the plan is used for grants and if the project is listed in the plan, more points may be awarded.

Kaschinske stated there is a need for a plan for the aging playgrounds, to continue riverfront development and provide diverse recreation.

Ruddock inquired if after the ward meetings if September and October would be used to finalize. In addition, could the board receive a list of department issues that may need to be addressed in the plan.

Ahlstrom stated the board should come up with a list that may include: past surveys, map of the city with parks and area within a 10 minute walking radius, past accomplishments, audit of the 2015/2020 goals, city demographics, parks maintenance budget and costs and other city plans that pertain to the master plan such as the Lansing Forward plan.

Ahlstrom received an e-mail from Gracia-Wing recommending starting the meetings sooner and holding a couple larger meetings.

Dombrowski recommended handing out surveys at meetings instead of presenting ideas.

Kibbey asked is an information document could be prepared to present at the meetings.

Ahlstrom inquired if both board meetings and neighborhoods meetings are attended.

Kaschinske stated it sounds like the first thing that is needed is the survey.

Kibbey clarified the first thing needed is the informational document.

Kaschinske inquired if the board wants to bring in a firm to do the plan and if so, he needs to know so a Request for Proposal can be put together to send out.

Ruddock suggested moving the master plan schedule changes to the November meeting when more board members are in attendance.

Park Millage Process

Ahlstrom inquired if there needs to be a point person from the board.

Questions were asked why the August election. Kaschinske stated in the past it has been on the August ballot and been successful and in March the County is probably putting six millages on the ballot.

Kaschinske stated not at this time. Staff can put together the fact sheet, he will get two people to sign the letter and check funds available for mailing. The fact sheet will be ready for the November meeting.

Ruddock moved to approve the resolution requested the millage be put on the August 6, 2020 ballot; seconded by Dombrowski. 4 yeas; 0 nays

Motion carried.

UPDATES

Park Projects

Kaschinske review the park project update list.

Red Cedar

Kaschinske stated the ribbon cutting is tomorrow, Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ruddock stated he responded to the email received from Peter Wood regarding the road at Ormond Park, but did not hear back from him.

Kaschinske stated he reviewed the link Wood had sent where he indicated the road was not in the plan and responded with the two pages in the plan where the road was mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Kellie Brown, Park Board Secretary
Approved November 13, 2019