

**PARKS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2023
6:30 PM**

Nina Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Don Buchert, Marty Hura, Nina Schroeder, Cookie Vanek, Scott Weaver

Other Village Personnel Present: Council President Tammy Meyer

Citizens/Others Present: Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation Representative Phil Rath

❖ Motion to approve April 19, 2023 minutes made by Marty, seconded by Cookie; all “ayes.”

Old Business:

- Phil Rath reported on Phase 4 and Phase 5 developments:
 - After looking at the scope of both phases, Village Administrator Ryan Klemm recommended transferring some of the Phase 5 projects (e.g., Pavilion 1 improvements) to Phase 4. This work can be executed by the Service Department; this dramatically reduces the cost of Phase 5; the cost of Phase 4 does not increase.
 - Phase 4 is still fully funded via the interagency agreement with the DMRC.
 - The interagency agreement has been signed by the mayor, and Phil will deliver this to the DMRC for their sign-off.
 - The DMRC is still slated to encumber \$44,386 for Phase 5.
 - The revised expected cost of Phase 5 is \$32,590.
 - Phil expressed concerns about the cost of the work done by CT Consultants. Given that these projects are more economical to the Village and require less labor from CT Consultants, why are engineering costs so high? He felt the justification for these costs was lacking.

New Business:

- Later phases were discussed; the following questions were posed, requiring additional research:
 - Is it more advantageous to tie in to existing lines, attaching restrooms to the lodge or a current park structure, or to build something free-standing with either a composting system or holding tank for waste?
 - The DMRC expects Phase 6 to include the construction of restrooms.
 - What are the legal requirements for fencing at the park? Does the entire river-adjacent land need to be fenced off, or can the chain-link barrier between the park and river be removed, so long as the playground is still fenced in?
 - Is the Potato Festival Committee willing to revisit their contract to allow for certain improvements/future project proposals?
 - How can the park be made more attractive with intentional landscaping?
 - How the lodge be updated to make it more useful, self-sustaining, and profitable?
 - What seating can be added at the ball fields, especially on the south side?
 - Where can parking be added as traffic increases and the park attracts more visitors?
 - Can overflow parking be added behind/near to the Service garage, and is it safe to have pedestrians cross the bridge?

- Can parking be added to the northeast driveway to the mayor's memorial rock, to the driveway alongside Mantaline, or along the entrance just east of the basketball courts?
- Will painting lines/defining parking spots in the current lots allow for more parking, as the current free space creates random parking patterns?
- Will diagonal, pull-in parking along High St. accommodate more visitors?

❖ Motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. made by Scott, seconded by Marty; all "ayes."