

**PARKS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2022
6:30 PM**

Nina Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

Other Village Personnel Present: None

Citizens Present: None

- ❖ Motion to approve April 20, 2022 minutes made by Marty, seconded by Scott; all “ayes.”

New Business:

- The committee acknowledged an update from the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation amending their financial commitment to Buchert Park Phase 4, capping their donation at around \$30,000, eliminating one project (replacing a pavilion’s concrete pad) and moving forward with three others (ADA-accessible walkway; basketball court concrete median; basketball court fence).
- The Rotary Club will donate two ADA-accessible picnic tables (one to each pavilion).
- The committee expresses frustration about the project proposal process, during which time and resources are spent unnecessarily. The committee agrees that future project requests and major proposals (e.g., restrooms) should be brought to the committee *after* true costs are thoroughly researched by the requester—who should either (a) cover CT Consultants’ fees (as their services to determine true costs are not free to the Village) or (b) present their own engineer-stamped proposals with practical estimates.
 - When Phase 4 projects were initially proposed by the DMRC, their rough estimations were about \$20-25K less than the true costs provided by CT Consultants. At the time, the DMRC was willing to fully encumber the costs of Phase 4 even if their estimates were low. However, now that more accurate numbers have been determined, the scope of Phase 4 must be reduced. The committee wants to better the process moving forward by setting clearer expectations for project proposals.

Old Business:

- Buchert Park Phase 5 (i.e., bathrooms) will remain on hold.
- Per Marty, the committee maintains that it will not apply for any more grants until 2024.
- ❖ Motion to adjourn made by Marty at 6:52 p.m., seconded by Nina; all “ayes.”