

HOWLAND COMMUNITY PARK MINUTES

The Howland Community Park Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on March 19, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at the Rosegarden Park, Warren, Ohio.

Roll Call: Allen Seman - Present
Jessica Gault – Present
Shawn Pompelia– Present

A motion was made by Allen Seman and seconded by Shawn Pompelia to suspend the reading of the minutes from the January 20, 2021 meeting and accept as written.

Roll Call: Allen Seman -yea
Jessica Gault - yea
Shawn Pompelia– yea

A motion was made by Allen Seman and seconded by Shawn Pompelia to authorize the Deputy Clerk to pay all outstanding invoices incurred.

Roll Call: Allen Seman - yea
Jessica Gault – yea
Shawn Pompelia– yea

A motion was made by Allen Seman and seconded by Shawn Pompelia to pass Resolution 2021-10:

Approve to contract Lisa Gysegem to fill the position of Deputy Clerk upon the retirement of Vivian McDowell. During the training of Mrs. Gysegem she will receive \$9.00 per hour and upon the retirement of current Deputy Clerk, she will receive \$13.00 per hour. Mrs. Gysegem began training on February 25th.

Deputy Clerk Gysegem will work at the pleasure of the Park Commissioners, and will receive no benefits.

Roll Call: Allen Seman - yea
Jessica Gault – yea
Shawn Pompelia– yea

A motion as made by Shawn Pomplelia and seconded by Allen Seman to convene into Executive Session at 11:10 A.M. for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Roll Call: Allen Seman - yea
Jessica Gault – yea
Shawn Pompelia– yea

The Park Commissioners returned from Executive Session at 11:30 A.M. with the following action being taken.

A motion was made by Allen Seman and seconded by Shawn Pompelia to pass Resolution 2021-11:

Approve to contract David Pack as a seasonal groundskeeper. Mr. Pack will receive \$11 per hour, with no benefits, and work at the pleasure of the Park Commissioners. He will work up to 10 hours per week including Saturday and Sunday, and if necessary, may exceed the 10 hours for additional work.

Roll Call: Allen Seman - yea
Jessica Gault – yea
Shawn Pompelia– yea

A motion was made by Allen Seman and seconded by Shawn Pompelia to pass Resolution 2021-12:

Approve to contract Vasco Group to repair the pickle ball court at Bolindale Park at a cost of \$5117.00. This is the only vendor that is available within the area to repair tennis and pickle ball courts.

Roll Call: Allen Seman - yea
Jessica Gault – yea
Shawn Pompelia– yea

A motion was made by Allen Seman and seconded by Shawn Pompelia to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Roll Call: Allen Seman - yea
Jessica Gault – yea
Shawn Pompelia– yea

Summary of Meeting:

Girl Scout Leader Barb Rosenblum: Troop will celebrate Earth Day on April 24th at the Rosegarden Park. The Troop plans on cleaning up debris and will learn to identify various trees within the park.

Gardens: Jack Hileman stated when will the water get turned on so they can start planting in the above ground gardens. Will build one more garden. Will need 3 yards of soil. He will Provide plants and seeds.

Water: Will be turned on April 1st. Moody needs to repair the water line at Bolindale Park.

Bathrooms: Will not open bathrooms at this time. It is not financially feasible for the Park to provide constant disinfecting of the bathrooms.

Howland School Baseball field: Attending was Keith Spicher, Maintenance for Howland Schools. Shawn Pompelia shared an invoice from JS Northeast that dredged and installed piping to drain water into creek. Meet with Warren City Water Dept. Thigpen, David McCann and they said that there is nothing that they can do because the water goes into the wetlands and the Army Corp of Engineers would have to come in and dredge the ditch. Thomas Fok & Assoc. came out and reviewed and provided a letter stating that the ball field would have to do repairs (copy attached). Spicher left stating he understood and thanked the Park for all there help to alleviate the situation.

Music in the Park: Will have two concerts each month on Sunday. Will check with school if they would like to participate on August 22.

Grant: MS Consultants stated they cannot apply for grant dollars for current equipment on order.

Helicopter Play Equipment: Request to remove handle. Has caused injury to a child. Taped had been placed the day of the injury but was removed by park attendees.

Medici Museum: Kathy contacted Shawn and stated they would like to partner with the Park to display art in the Park. Would like to look also at a grant to place sculptures in the Park.

Roll Call: Allen Seman - yea
Jessica Gault – yea
Shawn Pompelia– yea

Howland State Champs: would like to have a parade to celebrate the champs and maybe food trucks. Would have to let us know when they are using to make sure a pavilion is available.

Attested by:

Approved by:

Vivian McDowell, Deputy Clerk

Jessica Gault, Chairperson

Date:_____

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