To: Clark Park Advisory Council

From: Rose Wehner

Re: Minutes of June 27, 2023 Meeting

Date: June 30, 2023

Attending: Eric Anderson, Jeff Daube, Bill Donahue, Mike Manrique, Anne Vargo, Rose Wehner

Minutes

Our meeting at Burning Bush Brewery began at 7:12 PM. The minutes of our May 16, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report

There have been no changes since the last Treasurer’s Report.

Park Report/June 9 Work Day Recap

The work day with Sterling Bay was very productive. We put in a new mulch trail alongside the west side of the woods, mulched trees, removed logs, and did some digging in the orchard. We need wood chips for trails. For now we’ll use our remaining mulch for our other projects. There is still some poison ivy in the park that we will try to eradicate. The City has been replacing light poles and lights along Rockwell. Each pole has an upper and lower light. The camera by Officer Clark’s memorial will be coming down. Bill will talk with Jason Clark about next steps. If we can get a new camera, we’d like one that shows more detail. Jeff put up two dummy security cameras at the north and south end of the woods.

Another tree that died and fell over in the woods has been removed. Jeff’s staff has been watering the new trees. Mike wants to revisit buying water bags for the newer trees that have really been suffering. Most of the stumps from the recent tree removal have been sprouting shoots two to four feet tall. Eric will contact Kayla about this and also pass along his map of trees that should come down.

CAMBR Report

Jon sent a memo with the CAMBR update. The bike trails are very active. His group will work on the steps to the container soon. They painted the doors, but they were immediately tagged. There have been no motorcycle issues. He transplanted some grass in the bike park.

Digital Committee Report

Anne would like an update on the amount in the nature play fund. She renewed our subscription to the website. The fee is $408. She also thanked the 5K sponsors. The two items for sale on the website have been there for a while. If we put our nature play t-shirts there, she’ll need to know the sizes. Jeff could blow up some old tickets to Riverview to sell. We will consider tapping into Riverview for the store. She suggested listing a few teasers of interesting things we’ll have at the silent auction. We could also do more to promote nature play. We will explore whether having Circus in the Park would be a financial benefit to Clark Park.

The website had strong traffic over the past 30 days. A lot of people logged onto the 5K and the “who we are” tab. There were 200 unique visitors. 71% were mobile.

2nd Annual 312 River Run 5K

We had approximately 438 runners. Bill encouraged us to submit expenses and photos ASAP. There were a few recommendations. We should have a comment board. People should self-regulate the pace. We need a good sound system and possibly some bullhorns.

Safety Committee Report

Eric has recommended that 100 trees comes out of the woods. Some are blocking the sun. We hope to submit a bid to the Park District and interested parties with cost details on extending the fence along the Rockwell woods and leveling the ground. We will explain what we already have funding for and what remains to be funded.

Work Day Saturday July 29 9:00 am to 12 noon

Twilight Canoe September 10 5:30

Ecofest August 19

Alderman Martin’s office wants us to put together something that’s interesting.

Other Business

Bill informed us that we will be getting a container slab, but our PAC will have to pay for the container.

Rose informed us that we have to renew our letter of commitment to maintain a community garden in the park. She will send out the reference manual and letter of commitment by email. She’ll also send out some information for our website.

Next Meeting Tuesday July 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Burning Bush Brewery.

The meeting ended at 8:25 PM.

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