

Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 1 , 2019

Present: Bradford Bowers, Brian Emelson, Gary Hadden, Larry Fisher, Paul Moszak, Gregg Richards, Liam Richards, Mark Robbins, Lisa Roberts, Lisa Simmons

Guests: Tanner Ritz - Eagle Scout, Mr. and Mrs. Ritz

Absent/Excused: Dave Tantillo

Gregg Richards called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Fisher's Park Eagle Scout project presentation

- Tanner Ritz gave a presentation as part of an Eagle Scout project on constructing Trail Lead signs with markers denoting "you are here" to be installed at Fisher's Park trails to guide trail users. Brian asked Tanner to provide dimensions for the total length of the 4 X 4 posts and agreed to purchase the wood for the project.

Review and Approval of the April Meeting Minutes:

- Lisa asked Gary to elaborate on a bullet in the minutes regarding the master plan and the Village input as well as including Harlan Fisher Park in the "Intermunicipal" Agreement. Gary gave an update and said that he plans to address the Village Board at the next meeting regarding the agreement but does still need to follow through with the Village attorney for legal input.
- There was a brief discussion on how to implement a presentation of the master plan to the Village as well as the Town which included either having a joint session with both boards or have one each separately.
- Motion to approve the minutes by Larry. 2nd by Lisa.

Director's Report:

- Brian mentioned that we recorded approximately \$38,000 in online sales overnight on the first day of resident registration for programs which was almost double from last year.
- Steve and Brian attended the New York State "Rec Summit" in Lake Placid.

- Brian, Paul and Chauncy Young attended the International Trails Symposium in Syracuse which was previously held in Oregon, Arizona, and Tennessee. Brian and Paul gave favorable feedback on the conference and were very happy with the sessions.
- Brian stated that there is going to be an “Active Transportation Summit” coming up on May 23rd in Rochester if anyone is interested. Brian may be doing a panel discussion regarding the two “safe routes to school” and connectivity projects.
- The Parks staff just completed the de-hydrating toilet facility over at Fishers Park. Brian stated that he would be interested in hearing feedback on it.
- “National Trails Day” is coming up on Sunday, June 2nd at the rec center.
- The “Love Your Trails Day” event will be Sunday, June 23rd held by GROC at Dryer Road Park.
- Construction will begin Monday on the “new” Accessible Seating Area at Victor Municipal Park utilizing a grant from Victor/Farmington Rotary to allow folks that are in wheelchairs or using a walker safer access to the concert sight.
- Honor Flight is coming up starting on Friday.
- The Memorial Day Parade will be at the end of the month.

Planning Board Project Reviews

- Gregg gave an update from the Planning Board Meeting he attended earlier this week regarding the Gullace Project. He mentioned that the Board took a vote to pass a resolution to allow the residents to move forward on the project. Gregg stated that he will be following up with Kim Kinsella, Project Coordinator for the project to look at the site plan and to make sure that we have access to Harlan Fisher Park from the subdivision and to determine if there are any impingements to the park in the plan.
- Lisa mentioned the possibility that the landowner may include a dog park in the site plan with the high density housing.
- Brian asked if the final site plan was approved and a discussion followed. The consensus was that it is still to be determined whether a final site plan was approved or not. Greg plans to follow up with Kim.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Project Update

- Gregg gave an update on the sub-committee meeting with Bayer that took place last Friday. At the meeting they went over the Connectivity Plan that was distributed. Gregg explained that they divided up the Town in the plan into six different geographical areas and gave proposed ideas.

- Brian stated that in the plan they reviewed the Town's Route 96 Project Plan, the Town's Access Management Plan, all existing easements that they had knowledge of and overlaid it on a geographical map to cover six areas and looked at possible on road and off road connections for bicyclists and pedestrians. Brian relayed that Bayer would like to make sure that all the plans including our plans, thruway and town plans are communicated in sync and stated that this potential Connectivity Plan would take the place of an active transportation plan.
- Brian suggested including policy based statements in support of agencies like VHT, Boy and Girl Scouts, and GROC to maintain a sense of community and value ship in volunteer stewards.
- Brian also suggested that the Committee should review the connectivity plan individually and identify near term, mid term and long term goals to help organize priorities and a discussion followed.

Branding and Mission Statement

- Logo/Mission statement ideas were discussed for the branding and mission statement. It was decided that everyone would take a look at our existing mission statement and look at other town's statements to generate more ideas.

Town Board Presentation/Village Board Presentation

- The Committee discussed arranging for a joint presentation to both the Town Board and the Village Board at the June 24th Town Board meeting with a workshop starting at 6:30. Brian to potentially request privilege of the floor if everything is in place and ready to go. Brian stated that our goal is to get our draft final from Bayer and CAC to the Town Board to review by June 10th.

VHT Trail Maintenance

- Brian stressed the importance and value that VHT and GROC volunteers bring to the maintenance of our trails and that without them we would be down sixty percent in trail maintenance.

Summer Meetings

- Summer meeting possibilities were discussed. It was decided that there would be a CAC meeting July 10th. August is to be determined.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Motion to adjourn was made by Lisa and 2nd by Larry. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43