

City of Columbus Park Board Meeting

August 3, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Sandie Wood called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Sandie Wood, Marilyn Didling, Andrew Fraley, and Andrea Messina.

Members Absent: Bob Bodene

Also Present: Council Member Mark Daly, Public Works Superintendent Jim Windingstad, and Secretary Karen Boland.

Approval of Minutes

Andrea Messina made a **motion** to approve the April 20, 2017 minutes. Second by Marilyn Didling. Motion was approved.

Agenda Additions or Deletions

None.

Treasurer's Report

No current figures were available.

City Administrator/PW Superintendent Report

a) Tennis Court Repair/Resurfacing

Tennis courts are done and pickle ball lines are in place. The courts look great.

b) 2018 Parks Budget Worksheet – Park Fund (150)

Board members went line-by-line through the Park Fund (150) disbursements. Actual expenses from 2014, 2015, and 2016 were reviewed as well as the 2015, 2016, and 2017 budgets.

There were no proposed changes in 2018 from the 2017 budget.

Board members agreed that City Staff should be consulted as to whether there are to be any increases in costs under the portable toilets contract, any increase in insurance rates, or any electricity cost changes of which they are unaware.

The proposed 2018 Park Fund budget is \$45, 211, which is the same as the 2017 budget.

Sandie Wood made a **motion** to recommend the City Council approve the Park Fund (150) budget at \$45,211 for FY 2018, with provision for City Staff to adjust any necessary figures as outlined above. Second by Marilyn Didling. Motion carried.

Jim said the Parks budget will come before the City Council at their August 23rd meeting at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Sandie Wood will attend the budget meeting with Jim. Other members were encouraged to attend.

c) 2018 Budget Worksheet – Park Capital Fund (403)

Board members agreed that the expense for a Park Master Plan should be deferred to the proposed 2020 budget. Board members also agreed that the expense for Park Trail Maintenance: Seal Coat/Overlay should be put on the proposed 2021 budget. In 2015, the cost for Park Trail Maintenance was \$4118, they are therefore recommending maintenance in 2021 with an estimated cost of \$5000.

Marilyn Didling made a **motion** to recommend deferral of the expense for the Park Master Plan from the proposed 2018 budget to the proposed 2020 budget in the Park Capital Fund Budget Worksheet; and to propose an expense of \$5000 for Park Trail Maintenance: Seal Coat/Overlay in the proposed 2021 budget in the Park Capital Fund Budget Worksheet. Second by Andrew Fraley. Motion carried.

Old Business

a) Park Tour Items

- Jim said that the swings will be painted and woodchips will be added at the playground, as was discussed on the park tour. The current swings meet ADA regulations with regard to surrounding concrete barriers, so swings can't be added. The existing ones, however, will be centered within the space.
- Wooden picnic tables will be replaced with tables comparable to those already at the park. Tables will be rearranged within the park so the tables under the pavilion will match.
- Board member agreed the existing garbage containers are fine as they are. There has never been a complaint and they are well-maintained. Jim priced new garbage cans and the cheapest ones are \$600/each.

- Board members were encouraged to bring ideas about adult or other playground equipment to the next meeting. Jim said there have been no complaints or suggestions about the Park or its equipment that have come to his attention. He only hears compliments about the trail and the mowing. Councilmember Daly said he had someone suggest extending the trail beyond the tennis court to the eastern peak of the park.

New Business

a) Columbus Fall Fest

Park Board members are not interested in organizing a booth or activity for the Fall Fest.

b) Other Parks

Hidden Park and Howard Lake Park were discussed. Both are still mowed and maintained. Jim will make sure brush is not encroaching upon the swings at Howard Lake Park, per a Board member concern.

Board members asked what would happen to the land at Howard Lake Park if the City no longer wanted to maintain it. Jim said park land cannot be sold, even if the donor does not want the land back. He will find out more and this will be on the agenda for discussion at the October meeting.

At some point in the future, the Board may want to consider upgrades for Hidden Park.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be October 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Building.

Andrea Messina will be unable to attend. Sandie Wood asked her to pass along, prior to the meeting, ideas or concerns she would like to see addressed.

Adjourn

Sandie Wood made a **motion** to adjourn. Second by Andrew Fraley. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Boland, Recording Secretary