

**Community Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2021**

Mr. Haskins called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Ted Haskins, Kyle Mitchell and Ben Redman

Staff: City Manager, Michael Doss

Visitors: Several residents

Proceedings: *Approve the proceedings from the January 13, 2021 Community Development Committee Minutes. Mr. Redman made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Mitchel.*

Jim Terrell Park and Jonas Memorial Park Parking Lot Paving Quotes

Mr. Doss provided the Committee with three quotes to asphalt pave the existing and expanding parking lots at Jim Terrell Park and Jonas Memorial Park. The quotes are as follows: J.K Meurer Company for \$23,755, Neyra Paving for \$23,805 and Pinnacle Paving for \$24,641. Mr. Doss reminded the Committee that the City receive a grant from Clermont County Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with the paving projects. Mr. Doss emphasized that the new parking lots will assist with increase recreational activities along the Little Miami River and Jonas Memorial Park. The parking lot expansion at Jim Terrell Park should also assist with congestion related to park patrons dropping off canoe/kayaks.

Mr. Doss recommended to the Committee J.K Meurer Company for asphalt paving services in the amount of \$23,755.

Without further Committee discussion....

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Law Director draft an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with J.K Meurer Company in the total amount of \$23,755 for asphalt paving services for Jim Terrell Park and Jonas Memorial Park.

Jonas Landing Discussion

Mr. Doss presented the Committee with an opportunity to capitalize on the natural formed sand bar developed along the banks of the Little Miami River adjacent to Jonas Memorial Park. Mr. Doss stated that the area is approximately 100 ft long and 20 feet wide with sand and relatively smooth river rock. The area is already being sparsely used by individuals for fishing, canoe/kayak launching and sunbathing. Mr. Doss would like to utilize the area to expand usage of the beach area to attract local and visitors to downtown Milford. Mr. Doss stated that in recent years the City has expressed a desire to utilize the Trailhead and Little Miami River as both a recreational asset and an economic development driver for Milford.

Mr. Doss envisions the City marketing the area and providing chair rentals for patrons, an exclusive picnic area and light concessions. The aforementioned items could easily be removed in the event of a flood on the Little Miami River. The City would use part-time summer help to assist with servicing Jonas Landing.

Mr. Redman stated that he appreciates the forward thinking and the concept to attract more individuals to downtown Milford, but he is concerned with the limited amount of parking to accommodate the proposed beach landing. He would much rather prefer for the interest to occur more organically than be advertised and marketed by the City.

Mr. Doss emphasized that patrons could use the parking lot at Riverside Park and ultimately the walking path to access the beach landing. He also stated that the City would encourage Milford residents to walk or bicycle to the beach landing area at Jonas Memorial Park.

Rebecca Shundich and Darryl Donovan spoke about canoe and kayaks emphasizing their concern for the traffic on the banks of the Little Miami River for the Little Miami Brewing Company. Ms. Shundich stated that 30 feet of the bank is protected federal land. Mr. Donovan stated that the bank is being eroded by the amount of canoe and kayak traffic downhill from the brewery.

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Haskin expressed interest in the proposed Jonas Landing area but share some of the concerns brought forth by Mr. Redman.

The Committee agreed to advance the Jonas Landing concept to City Council for further discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. with a motion from Mr. Redman, Seconded by Mr. Haskins. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Doss, City Manager

“These minutes have been approved and adopted by Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Haskins and Mr. Redman on April 16, 2021”