

**Community Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2021**

Mr. Haskins called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Ted Haskins, Kyle Mitchell and Ben Redman

Staff: City Manager, Michael Doss and Finance Director, Pat Wirthlin

Visitors: Rachel Richardson and several unnamed residents

Proceedings: *Approve the proceedings from the June 3, 2021 Community Development Committee Minutes. Mr. Redman made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Mitchel.*

Ballot Issue for a 3 Mill Tax Levy for Park and Recreational Purposes

Mr. Mitchell expressed concern over two levies (Milford Schools and City of Milford Park and Recreation) being on the November ballot. Mr. Mitchell contemplates advancing the ballot legislation to City Council.

Mr. Redman stated that he agrees with Mr. Mitchell but believes that the legislation should go to the greater of City Council for further discussion and debate.

Rachel Richardson asks if the Milford Main (Five Points Landing) project will be in three phases and will require the need for three renewals of levies in the future.

Mr. Doss responded to Ms. Richardson's query by stating that the Five Points Landing project could be accomplished in one or two phases and only require a maximum of two levies (one additional and one renewal). According to Mr. Doss, the Five Points Landing Park Pavilion phase could be constructed using creative measures to apply for grant funds which will assist with the expenses of the pavilion project. The Clock Tower phase would probably need some combination of donations and private funding to assist with construction.

The Committee discussed the current park budget appropriations and operating expenses. Mr. Doss stated that once the Five Points Landing project is complete and the levy is exhausted, the City should entertain a half mil levy to provide for the future maintenance of all existing City parks.

With no further comment or discussion, the Committee made the following motion:

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Law Director draft an ordinance to proceed with the ballot issue for an additional 3.0 mil tax levy as a single levy and ballot issue for parks and recreational purposes in excess of the ten-mil limitation for five years for the City of

Milford, Ohio.

In other business, Mr. Doss provided the Committee with an update of the walking path at Riverside Park.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 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 July 13, 2021”