

**Community Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Ted Haskins

Present: Ted Haskins, Lisa Evans, Sandy Russell
Staff: Michael Doss, City Manager; Lori Pegg, Community Services Manager Pat Wirthlin, Finance Director and Jackie Bain Administrative Assistant
Visitors: Mr. Brett Louderback, Mr. Antonio Clayborne and Ms. Cathy Barney

Approval of Proceedings: *The committee unanimously approved the proceedings from the February 26, 2019 Community Development Committee meeting.*

Mr. Brett Louderback Milford Ohio

Mr. Louderback presented the committee with information regarding the Riverside Park Baseball field. He is a member of the MYBA for the last 8 years. He has also coached during that time. He asked for clarity regarding the park. They association has played games there in the past, under the lights and had a great fun time for all. In the past few years they have not utilized the field. There is some confusion on who is to take care of the field. There is opportunity there and it is a great location. But it needs a lot of TLC. If the field is owned by the city is it worth to invest into the site and bring it up to speed. How much would be spent on it? There are some common grounds in the middle where if we decide to fix it, if we can fix it, He has reached out to his company to see if there is anything they can do as a company to help fix the field. Possibly get some equipment to the site to help maintain the ballpark. Some of the big box stores have community outreach programs where they volunteer time and materials to help build fencing, build a back stop or whatever we could do. Mr. Louderback would like to volunteer his time since he thinks this is not only great for MYB but also for the community. There was further discussion regarding the history of the field with and the service that the city provides for the property. It was understood that the organization maintained the infield and the city serviced the outfield. Mr. Doss spoke about forging a partnership with the organization moving forward or something we would do solely from a city standpoint? We could between now and the City's Budget Session to gather some figures and see how much everything would cost.?? The committee agreed to meet again regarding the information and work on a "wish list" and that way we could work up some numbers to present at the Budget Session based off the committee's discussion. Renovation ideas were discussed. The committee agreed that it is a very nice field that brings people together. It is in a great area of town. And underutilized. Discussion also involved what equipment would like to have at the field. Configurations were based upon a typical 90-foot baseball field. A major league standard. Softball could also be played there as well. The concern was to make sure that if the upgrades were made will the field then be utilized.

Mr. Antonio Clayborne Milford Ohio

Mr. Clayborne from Milford Jr. High brought to the committee's attention some issues encountered at Oakwood since he has lived there/3 years. The biggest one being the baseball field. It is very eroded. Many of the residents did not even know that they had a baseball field.

The field could be very versatile for many things. The swings and playset are also outdated. The bushes on the lower levels are so overgrown that those living on the bottom floor cannot see their children playing outside. Mr. Clayborne researched that people are happier living in a beautiful place. A survey was taken to the residents to see what they would like to see at Oakwood and if they would like to help. The survey showed that most residents would help and would like to see a cleaner bigger playground/playset, plant flowers, and have a summertime cooling down events for the children which would bring the neighbors together more often. Also possibly include extending the current sidewalk to the bottom of Brooklyn Avenue. Mr. Clayborne felt morally motivated to help the behavior of the residents in all aspects of life at Oakwood and help to encourage people and to discourage bullying. He would also like to use his resources to make an impact on the community. He and the other residents would like for the Oakwood location to look beautiful again. Ms. Evans brought up the discussion for a possible Community Day at Oakwood to help the residents clean up and update the baseball field there. The committee would like to take a tour of the grounds with Oakwood property management to see what we can do to help. The committee felt that this report was outstanding and appreciates that Mr. Clayborne came to the meeting to discuss this information.

HMA Oktoberfest City Collaboration Discussion

Mr. Doss presented the committee with information regarding the HMA Oktoberfest event in downtown Milford to be held on Saturday, September 24th. The City’s collaboration was discussed regarding the HMA’s request to have an officer and a Public Works employee work at the event. Currently, we are charging them for these services since this is not a city sponsored event. The committee discussed with staff the event and how the city could get involved and continue to help as we have for other events. It was determined the value of City’s in-kind contribution to Oktoberfest would be **\$1,500** as follows:

City Unit	# Hours	Rate	Total
Police	12	\$65	\$780
Service	12	\$60	\$720
			<u>\$1,500</u>

2020 Sparks in The Park Vendor Fees/Charges Discussion

Mr. Doss brought to the committee’s attention that we have completed our 3rd Sparks in the Park event and going forward if we should charge our vendors a fee and how much should we charge? Discussion followed amongst staff and committee on if we should charge a fee and how much of a few or percentage of sales should we charge. It was mentioned that Kona Ice one of the vendors gives back a percentage of their profits to the city. The contributions can then help with clean-up costs. Many of the vendors are non-profit organizations. Ms. Evans also mentioned a different fireworks company that we could use. The committee agreed not to charge a fee next year, but instead place a request on the application so vendors can donate a portion of their sales back to help defray costs.

2020 Budget Parks and Recreation Projects Discussion

Mr. Doss informed the Committee that the 2020 Budget Work Session is to be held on September 3rd from 6-7pm. The 2020 Budget meeting is to be held on October 8th at 5:15pm. To help tackle the aspects of Parks n Recreation as a whole Mr. Doss along with the committee agreed to meet at City Hall on August 13th at 3pm. They would then take a tour around the city and then organize their findings to be discussed at a future Community Development meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jackie Bain

"These minutes have been approved and adopted by Mr. Haskins August 2, 2019, Ms. Evans August 2, 2019 and Ms. Russell August 5, 2019 via email."