

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

PARKS, PLAYGROUND, COMMUNITY SERVICES & STREETS

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The Parks, Playground, Community Services and Streets Committee meetings of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on April 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. with Mr. Blados presiding.

Present at roll call:	Council Members:	Berzins, Blados, Lasky, Presot, Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
	Law Director:	
	Engineer:	Henry
	Police Chief:	
	Assistant Fire Chief:	
	Fire Chief:	
	Acting Service Director:	
	Building Commissioner:	
	Assistant Building Official:	
	Comm. Service Director:	
	Recreation Director:	
	Soccer Commissioner:	

GUESTS: None

The purpose of the Parks, Playground, Community Services and Streets meetings was to discuss current capital improvement projects. Councilman Blados opened the floor for discussion

Mr. Henry reviewed the major projects:

UPPER PARK

- The playground and pickleball courts were just awarded, the contract will be signed and the project is moving forward. We anticipate construction will begin in May and hopefully will be completed toward the end of July.
- We made a slight modification to the plan, moving the pickleball courts further away from the residents due to noise concerns, laid out more green space there and moved the playground closer to the ball field.
- The area, including the steps and restrooms, will be closed during construction with the exception of the ball field. Porta Potty's will be installed during the duration of the construction.

LOWER PARK

- Improvements to the Diamond #2 area including outside fencing, drainage improvements, a retaining wall, leveling the back fields came in at around \$250,000 including engineering.
- We would lose one ball season to accomplish this project to allow enough time to seed and for the grass to become established.

Planning the various improvements including catch basins, etc. can be planned out in phases to take advantage of possible grants and have plans ready to go.

There was discussion regarding construction going on in more than one park area at a time versus completing one entire area before beginning another.

The upper park bathrooms are not a part of the construction project but will be handled separately utilizing an architect, working with Project Manager Joe Presot, and possibly the Men's Service Club (for the exterior). Clerk-Treasurer Aaron Frank shared that there would be funds through NOPEC due to water efficiency improvement.

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Councilman Joe Blados talked about saving money by creating a bucket of funds to use for these and future park improvements so funds will be available as projects come up. Conversation continued regarding putting additional money into the capital fund specifically for the park or creating a dedicated fund for that purpose.

Covering the dugouts at Diamond #1 was brought up by Councilman Berzins pertaining to the current timeline of construction versus adding them at a later date. Mr. Henry stated that it would be minimally invasive to do later.

Mr. Henry inquired about the items being stored in the back garage of the restroom facility. Because some of it belongs to the service clubs, it was suggested to get all parties together to purge items. He informed council that he will get prices on completely redoing the chain link fence at Diamond #1 and also for the area at the top of the hill.

Councilman Lasky revisited the placement of the pickleball courts which was reviewed by all per the diagrams Mr. Henry shared.

Mayor Procuk wanted to review the costs and shared that there are possible funds he will be looking into. Mr. Henry is watching all relative grants for the project. It was decided to review the revenue stream and once the semi-annual revenue mark is reached, to make a decision on a possible monthly percentage transfer to the capital fund.

2022 CAPITAL PAVEMENT REPAIR

- Spring Road will be going out for bid soon. They are currently working with Cleveland on handling the detour during the work. There is no change to the number currently in the budget.
- Temporary work is needed on Tuxedo, West 7th and West 8th but we need to plan for major pavement repair over the next couple of years.
- We're going to apply for a 50/50 grant for Van Epps (from Schaaf Road to where it bends at Spring Road) which would be awarded probably the end of 2023 and also go after OPWC funding which would take it to about 2025.
- The Dorset and Galway Circle bid recommendations will be on the agenda for Tuesday. We budgeted \$425,000 and it came in at \$303,000.
- The Belmont resurfacing project, our small portion of Seven Hill's large project will be \$116,000. This includes finishing the sidewalk so it all connects and doesn't end at the cul-de-sac.
- The Galway project was out early and is the first thing on the budget for the contractors. This legislation will be voted on at the next council meeting. Once approved, contracts will be in place and the work should take approximately four to six weeks and be done before school lets out, weather permitting.

FUTURE CAPITAL ROAD REPAIR PROJECTS

- The plans are almost complete for the Dorset area replacement project (Bancroft, Dunedeen and Dorset). This project can be split into sections and spread out over time.

There were no further questions and the meeting was adjourned.

Joe Blados
Parks, Playground & Community Services Chairman
Streets Committee Chairman

