

# VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

## MINUTES OF A MEETING

### Parks, Playgrounds and Community Services

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The **Parks, Playground and Community Services** Committee meeting of the Council of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on **July 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm.** with Councilwoman Presot presiding.

**Present at roll call:**

Councilmen:	Blados, Lahiff, Lasky, Presot & Walsh
Mayor:	Procuk
Clerk/Treasurer:	Frank
Police Chief	Meade
Engineer	Henry
Special Proj. Eng	J. Presot
GUESTS:	Ray Berzins, Chelsea Kovar, Stepka, Flynn, S. Tommer (on-line) Bailey Gwinn (on-line)

Mrs. Presot turned the meeting over to Mayor Procuk who gave this dissertation:

- A Park Ad Hoc Committee was formed in 2019 to discuss park improvements. At that time it was decided that they would focus on the upper park.
- Met with Greg Saunders, the brother of the late Flip Saunders, and was told the family is interested in revamping the basketball courts in memory of Flip.
- Met with Mrs. Saunders and their son Ryan and was told the family was still interested in doing something for the village.
- Met several times with Mark Termini, Chairman of the Saunders Family Trust. Discussions involved "soft use" such as park benches, reading areas, and also basketball courts and pickle ball courts. He was very disappointed in the rest rooms and then playground equipment was discussed. Conceptual drawings were submitted to the family.
- Not knowing what kind of donation the family was willing to give all plans were kept confidential.
- Mike Henry submitted drawings for the upper park improvements
- NEORS D is giving us \$52,000 for removal of hard surfaces (splash pad and some asphalt)
- We applied for and received an SOSG Grant for ADA playground equipment in the amount of \$50,000
- The Saunders Family is only interested in being associated with a complete renovation (not piece meal) of the park with a completion date of June, 2022
- Ryan Saunders is flying in tomorrow to meet with Mayor Procuk
- Mayor Procuk read a letter from Mark Termini with regards to a \$75,000 donation from The Flip Saunders Legacy Fund hereto referred as TFSLF. *attached*
- Drawings estimate is \$350,000
- Short \$173,000 at this point but would like to get the shovels in the ground so this can be done by June, 2022. We have applied for a grant from the State of Ohio and feel we have a good chance to get \$121,000 grant which includes the village portion of \$60,000. We hope to know by October if we received the grant.
- Looking for council commitment to proceed with this project with or without the grant of \$121,000.
- Mayor Procuk invited everyone to look at the plans.
- Mr. Henry said he estimated an extra \$14,000 for contingencies.
- Council:
  - Mr. Lahiff agrees
  - Mr. Blados agrees
  - Mr. Walsh agrees
  - Mr. Lasky agrees
  - Mrs. Presot agrees

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### AUDIENCE

- Mrs. Kovar asked if the restrooms would be torn down and Mr. Henry said it would be an interior renovation.
- Mr. Flynn asked if security cameras could be added for the safety of the residents and children that play there.
- Mrs. Presot asked if it is possible to purchase equipment due to COVID and Mr. Henry said that by the end of this year there should be no equipment shortages.
- Mr. Flynn asked if there is any plan to reinstall the lower stairs and Mayor Procuk said there is no plan at this time. There is an ADA compliance walk up the hill.
- Mr. Berzins asked if the two grants could still be utilized if the TFSLF were to back out and the answer was yes.
- Mr. Lasky asked if the fence along the west perimeter would still be there and Mr. Henry said it will be raised higher.
- Mr. Henry said the drawings are for cost purposes requested by the Saunders family and the details are still to be worked out.
- Mayor Procuk asked if the swing sets have to come down and Mr. Henry said he would take them down, they are not ADA compatible.
- Mrs. Kovar asked if all the fencing will be replaced and Mr. Henry said they will be removed and the only fencing they have will be around the courts.
- Mrs. Kovar asked if there are plans to resurface the parking lot and Mr. Henry said it is not part of this. She also asked about the drinking fountain and Mayor Procuk said the one at the restrooms has been removed and there are restrictions on drinking fountains right now so there is no answer.
- Mrs. Kovar said she has plenty of ideas to raise money and Mayor Procuk said that the MSC, WSC and Park Board are under the 501c3 which is what you need to raise money.

Councilwoman Presot asked if there was any other business to discuss at the Parks, Playground & Community Services Committee meeting. If there is no further business the meeting is adjourned

*Councilwoman  
Jennifer Presot*

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Committee Chairman