

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF A MEETING

PARKS, PLAYGROUND & COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Parks Playground & Community Services Committee meeting of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on May 16, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. with Mrs. Presot presiding.

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

GUESTS: Ed Stepka

NEIGHBORING RECREATION CENTER MEMBERSHIP SUBSIDY

Mrs. Presot asked Community Services Director Guilfoyle to outline the Seven Hills membership opportunity.

Ms. Guilfoyle referred to the set up that Cuyahoga Heights adopted for their residents offering to pay 100% of the annual membership fee for seniors, disabled and veterans. Cuyahoga Heights offers a subsidy for all other residents. Seven Hills set up the registration form and the Cuyahoga Heights residents sign up through the Village, pay their portion if applicable, and Seven Hills bills Cuyahoga Heights on a monthly basis.

She further explained that seniors who have insurance coverage with any of the three fitness plans, Silver Sneakers, Silver & Fit and Renew Active, are eligible to utilize the Seven Hills Rec Center, as well as many other recreation facilities, free of charge, without any other membership registration. It is unknown how many Brooklyn Heights seniors have insurance coverage that offer these fitness programs, Ms. Guilfoyle will inquire and assist any senior that may want to check their insurance-covered programs.

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Mr. Walsh stated that he was in favor of offering this to our senior residents. Mr. Berzins and Mr. Lasky stated that they would like to research offering it to all residents and Mrs. Guilfoyle responded that she will gather the information and bring it back to Council.

She shared that it would be very simple to get this set up for Brooklyn Heights and would probably offer transportation on an on-going basis.

UPPER PARK RESTROOMS

Mrs. Presot invited Service Director Blados and Engineer Zoldak to outline the restroom options for the Upper Park.

Ms. Zoldak began by stating the receipt of the \$200,000 grant funding awarded for this project. Mr. Blados referred to the aerial photo of the Upper Park and the possible locations for the new restroom. Mr. Blados shared that the grant does not designate that the old structure needs to be removed and he would like to utilize it for storage. It also contains the water connections.

Using the photo, they pointed out the pros and cons of various locations with considerations for visitor convenience, cost for water lines, the tear up of landscape and aesthetics.

Ms. Zoldak reported that this area is zoned institutional and only one building is allowable. A variance from the Zoning Board would be needed to keep both structures on the site and there is a 50-foot side-yard setback allowance from residential property.

One of the locations discussed would cost an extra \$35k over the \$200,000 grant funds due to extending plumbing lines. In addition, the crane bringing the unit in may charge extra. They discussed purchasing the two unit restroom vs. the four unit to save costs but decided against it.

Mr. Lasky inquired about cost to renovate the old structure to be a storage building and Mr. Blados responded that they will do it in-house and keep cost to a minimum. Mr. Tommer stated that to connect the sewer back to the main pipe, the area will have to be dug up and Mr. Blados confirmed that.

Mr. Walsh inquired to the timeline and Ms. Zoldak responded that this has to be acted on as soon as possible to meet the grant requirement of having the project completed and funds spent prior to one year. Additionally this will take place after the Upper Park grand opening.

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Mr. Blados is hoping for additional funding to put in an additional swing angled in the other direction.

Ms. Zoldak shared that to keep the cost as close to the \$200,000 as possible, the unit will be a base unit. Mr. Blados suggested that we use the entire \$200,000 on the unit and upgrade to a nicer, sturdier unit and spend the \$35k for the agreed-upon location. The current restroom will be available until the new one is in place.

There were no further questions and the meeting was adjourned.



Jennifer Presot

Parks, Playground & Community Services Committee Chairperson