

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

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PARKS, PLAYGROUND & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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The Parks, Playground & Community Services Committee meeting of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on August 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with Mr. Blados presiding.

Present at roll call:	Council Members:	Berzins, Blados, Lasky, Presot, Walsh
	Mayor:	Procuk
	Clerk/Treasurer:	
	Law Director:	
	Engineer:	Henry
	Police Chief:	
	Assistant Fire Chief:	
	Fire Chief:	
	Acting Service Director:	Florjancic
	Building Commissioner:	
	Assistant Building Official:	
	Comm. Service Director:	
	Recreation Director:	
	Soccer Commissioner:	
	GUESTS:	None

The purpose of the Parks, Playground & Community Services Committee meeting was to discuss future improvement to Diamond 2 in the village park.

Mr. Henry first outlined projects currently in place and under contract to be completed this year including curbing, drainage issues and bollards installed.

He referred to the distributed drawings and three options for fencing previously discussed:

- Option One – Putting the fence out more, in an angular position. It would range from 10' and 6' to 20' high on the far side (left field) and would push everything back and give more room in the outfield. This is the most expensive due to installing a retaining wall. There would also be drainage put in to catch and disperse the water.
- Option Two – Eliminating the embankment of left field and pour that into a bank. Fencing would be the same as Option One. This option cost is approximately \$60,000
- Option Three - To improve the dugouts, the backstop and the sidelines down the first and third baselines is approximately \$43,000.

The drainage improvements, excavation, embankment and to grade the outfield correctly will be approximately \$95,000 in addition to any of the three options. Work could begin in the fall of 2023 and be completed for the summer of 2024.

Mr. Blados said that we need to get, at least, the drainage work done but should first plan on how to save the funds to do any major project. Mr. Walsh inquired about possible grant funding and Mr. Henry said they come up occasionally and may amount to approximately \$50,000. He did suggest that decisions be made and to have plans in place by early 2023.

Mr. Henry asked to discuss the Upper Park before the meeting concluded.

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The proposed benches, shown on the plan, the cost being approximately \$1,000 for the installation plus concrete. The three options for benches are:

- A steel bench, slatted look, is almost vandal-proof, would be bolted down, a little more expensive.
- A recycled wood bench, has side arms and is decorative, also bolted down, but would not be fire-proof, is about \$100 less.
- Even less expensive is a bench with no arms.

This decision does not need to be made right now but want to be ready to install them in the spring.

Further discussion included types of swings, including those presently in the park, and various options of the structure, seats and locations. He reported that fencing should probably start going up in the next week or so.

Mr. Henry stated that he met with Mark Harmony, the Flip Saunders representative, and that they will try to have a soft opening in September but the Saunders family cannot attend so will plan a full grand opening the spring.

There were no further questions and the meeting was adjourned.

Joe Blados
Parks, Playground & Community Services Chairman

