



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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MINUTES PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR MEETING MARCH 29, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, was called to order by **Chair, Jennifer Jakosh**, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:
Aye: Catherine Roos
Aye: Jennifer Jakosh, Chair
Aye: Michelle Moore, Vice-Chair
Aye: Dorinda Myers
Aye: Harry Burt (ABSENT)
Aye: David Chabut, Council Representative

Also Present: Desirea Thompson, Council President
Jim Lunder, Council Member
Brent Moore, Service Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 22, 2018

MOTION MADE BY MICHELLE MOORE, seconded by Dorinda Myers, to approve the minutes from February 22, 2018. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Jennifer Jakosh, Michelle Moore, Dorinda Myers, David Chabut. Nays: None. Abstain: Catherine Roos

MOTION PASSED: 4/0/1

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

Council Representative: Councilman Chabut reports council is still working with Habitat for Humanity for the address on Primrose. Funds are being raised for the house. Councilman Chabut reports that H4H has chosen a recipient and that unfortunately the person chosen is not from Mentor on the Lake. He states that there are certain criteria to meet to be eligible to qualify. A couple of those are ability to afford a mortgage, employment status, and willingness to work with

H4H. Ms. Roos asked if there was a house on the lot on Primrose previously and Councilman Chabut stated there was not it is a vacant lot. He also stated that during a conversation with the Executive Director of H4H Bill Myers, Councilman Chabut advised him Mentor on the Lake has 3-4 other vacant lots and he stated this is a great way to get homes on the lots and taxes paid. He states H4H builds very good homes which will help with property values in the area.

Councilman Chabut states that Council is working on the charter amendments for the ballots. He states there was a suggestion to change the charter amendments to levies. He states that this is verbiage and probably more trouble than it is worth but this is just his opinion. He adds maybe later something will change, and states that he does understand where the certain council member is coming from with the suggestion.

Councilman Chabut states that the Ordinance Committee has been working on ordinances including the ordinance regarding the tree lawns. He states they are mostly just making the language of the ordinances clearer and easier to understand. He states the Ordinance Committee usually works with Service Director Brent Moore to make these changes happen.

Ms. Roos inquired about the charter amendments asked for clarification. She asked if they need to be put on the ballot this year. Mayor Eva stated council decided to put them on the ballot in 2018 although they don't expire until 2019. Mayor states since they are put on the ballot this year it's under the assumption they will be renewed in 2020. He goes on to state if it wouldn't pass in 2018 it would give council two more opportunities to present them on the ballot. Those being May of 2019 and November of 2020. General discussion was had regarding the upcoming elections. Councilman Chabut stated that Mayor Eva suggested we continue to renew levies every 5 years instead of making them permanent. Mayor Eva stated on record he would never suggest anything permanent. He went on to explain that we will have a new governor at the end of this year and this new governor may change things as far as local government is concerned. We have lost out on roughly 700k. The rainy day fund in Columbus is 1.5 billion dollars. A new governor my say that he is going to reallocate the funds back to the city municipalities since it was taken away from them depending on who is elected. Also he states that he would never put the burden on our residents by saying this is going to be permanent because of the changes that could happen in Columbus. He pointed out the recent news that the Perry Power Plant will be closing. If that closes there is whole list of Lake County agencies and partners that are going to lose money with the closing of that power plant. There are so many different variables. He goes on to say he thinks renewing those for another 5 years is the way to go. Ms. Roos asked if council was just trying to renew the 4 that were approved. Mayor corrected and stated the 3 that were approved. Ms Roos asked what we could do about the Operations levy she asked if there was a way to word it to get it passed? Mayor stated it was a tough sell last election because it was a combination of service and recreation. Mayor stated that both he and Service Director Mr. Moore are aware that we do need equipment now and again for our service department and its

difficult to come up with an estimate of what he needs. If we get the 3 charter renews passed we will continue to look at the general fund to fund what the service department needs.

Mayor: Mayor states a Community Reinvestment Act meeting was held Tuesday with Housing Council and Tax Incentive Review Board. He says they are in the process of filling 4 positions on the boards. Mrs. Jakosh and Mrs. Moore have expressed interest so we will need 2 more individuals one for the Housing Council and one for the Tax Incentive Review Board. Scott Yamamoto represents the auditor's office on the Tax Incentive Review Council and has suggested we give the CRA info to the Lake County Realtors which we did. Mayor says the Lake County Realtors will have a meeting Wednesday at 9:30 to discuss program. Mayor states he will also be discussing benefits of the program with them, how things are, what general maintenance is, and also how to qualify. He mentions the Clerk has put positions for the Board and Council on the city's Facebook page and reiterates Mrs. Jakosh and Mrs. Moore's interest in participating in the program. He states he didn't think there was any inquiries on the Facebook page. Clerk verified that there has been no inquires.

Mayor reports the new squad is in service and power cots were delivered. He urged everyone to take a look at them. He states that he didn't look today but he believes the power cots were installed today. He states the use of the power cots will save wear and tear on firefighters. Ms. Roos inquired whether it is an addition or replacement. Mayor stated they were a replacement we traded a 2004 squad which gave us trouble from almost day one for new 2017 gas powered squad. He says it was a demo and we got a very good deal on the demo.

Mayor said that he had mentioned this to Councilman Chabut prior to this meeting regarding Habitat Humanity. He states our Law Director Mr. Jim Lyons and he had a phone call with the Lake County Auditor. He stated the issue with the property is that there is somewhere around 34k of back taxes or fees that are owed on that property. He went on to say he was speaking with Ed Zupancic the Lake County Auditor today and the Auditor is going to speak with the Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Coulson and see if we can get those fees waived so that when the city transfers the property to the Lake County Land Bank it will be free and clear of taxes and fees. He states that so the people that would build a house and take ownership of the property would be free and clear. He says the last thing we would want is for someone to come to buy the property with 34k worth of taxes attached to it.

Mayor says as far as the charters he talked with Ross McDonald at the Board of Elections yesterday regarding the difference between charters and regular levy. Ross got with Prosecuting Attorney Chuck Coulson and he stated it was just as our Law Director Jim Lyons stated. He said that if we were to change those to regular levies it would go on ballot as an additional tax, if we keep them as charter fire, charter police, charter roads, we can put on the ballot as renewing not in addition to. He says of course the problem being; to go out politically and say this is just a

police levy even though it's going to say additional, we as City Council are going to let the ones that are on the books now expire before we add these to the millage. He explains the problem with that is that when voters get the ballot that says additional if I as a Council Member hadn't talked to you being a voter if you see additional on the ballot you will be very cautious and more than likely say that you would not want any new taxes and vote no. When the Finance Committee meets Monday Ross is putting together an email which Mayor states he will distribute to all members of council before Monday to talk about how to word the charter agreements. Mayor states it is not his decision and that there will be 7 others who will decide to keep it on the ballot as charter amendments or no we would like to go and create new ones that will replace the charter. Ms. Roos inquired why is it when they write the verbiage for the ballot can't they write at the end "to be renewed in 2020" or "to take effect in 2020". Mayor says that they will clarify that on the ballot but you have to replace or renew what you have today. You can't take what you have today for example a charter police levy and you can't say ok this is going forward instead of calling it a "Charter Police Levy" we will call it a "Mentor On The Lake Police Levy" going forward you are going to have to use the same verbiage because Council talked every angle to try and word it properly but the state has a template where you put things in there and you have to follow the template the state gives you. Mayor stated he thought it could possibly say that the Charter Police Levy could be replaced by Mentor On The Lake Police Levy but its an additional tax until the one that's on now falls off. Ms. Roos states that it won't be *taken* as an additional tax. Mayor says yes but if it goes on this year it will say additional when we put it on this year as it stands today it will be renewing the charter for police, fire, road, effective 2020. Ms. Myers asks if we still have to mark it this year as additional? Mayor states if they change the verbiage yes, but if the verbiage stays the same then we are ok. He says if the majority of Council says "no I want that charter verbiage to go away" then it will go on as additional. Ms. Myers states that that is what she asked at the council meeting because she saw the word additional on there as opposed to renewal and yes as a voter she would see that and think no I don't want additional taxes Ill renew what you have but I don't want added on. She asked if when voters see it on the ballot it will say renewal? Mayor stated yes it will say renewal. Councilman Chabut said if they change the verbiage it will say additional and as soon as you put additional on the ballot.... Ms. Myers stated yes when she saw additional on there she said "wait I don't want any additional". Councilman Chabut said that he agreed that we don't want additional on the ballot in hopes that it will pass.

Mayor states he talked to Elaine Crane about the situation with the property on Lakeshore. She states she is giving the property owners until May 1st to make a decision. Mayor states Ms. Crane said since the property is in an estate state right now she is giving till May 1st and Mayor also stated they are in the process of cleaning up things over there. Ms. Roos inquired about which property he was referring and the mayor stated the property Yagers was on. Mayor states Ms. Crane was made aware of what we're are doing in Mentor Beach Park and what the plans of the Zoning Committee are. She was made aware that at some point the Port Authority will take over that property at the park and they have a potential proposal to fill that space with a restaurant/party center. Councilman Chabut inquired if they had anyone lined up for that and the

Mayor stated they didn't yet but they met and went through the property. The structure is sound and now Mentor has approved letting the Port Authority take it over and look for potential investors. Councilman Chabut asked if the Port Authority has more access to more grants than the city. The Mayor stated they did and money from the bed tax for hotels will be used as well. Mayor stated there was a couple ways they could go with the other property. The owners could keep the property in the estate or they can say we are not going to operate business please let us out of our lease which he believes is the May 1st option, but if they say they are going to open the business there it could take another 3 months because Ms. Crane would have to go through an eviction process. Councilman Chabut said that he hopes that Mayor told her if she would like to build there would be happy. Mayor states that Ms. Crane has a certain vision of what she'd like to do with the property. Ms. Myers asked if Ms. Crane owned the property and Mayor and Councilman Chabut verified she owns the property up to the church but not by the bar. Mayor says that we will take one thing at a time regarding the decision on what to do with the property.

Chair: Chair Jakosh states that tutoring is done for the year. She reports it was a great experience and they look forward to doing it again next year. She thinks that they will start earlier next year to prep kids for earlier testing. She says the kids had a great time and so did the volunteers and as far as they know the kids made progress. General discussion was had about the program. Chair Jakosh said she hopes that everyone that participated this year will come back next year. Ms. Roos asked if the tutors will have to vetted again next school year. Ms. Jakosh said yes every year. General discussion was had regarding the upcoming school year and tutor participation.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 7:23 p.m.

Service Director Mr. Moore stated the leaf bags and garbage bags are still being stored in the service garage. Chair Jakosh asked if we need anything else? Mr. Moore stated there are a lot of leaf bags and 6 boxes of plastic bags and gloves nothing else should be needed. Welcomed but not needed.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC: 7:25 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

School supply/car wash

Clerk said she checked with Fire Chief Pechatsko and that June 23rd was a good date for the car wash as far as the Fire Department was concerned. Chair Jakosh verified the date and time of car wash to be June 23rd from 11-2pm at the Mentor on the Lake Fire Department.

Chair Jakosh asked about the progress of walking path she states its supposed to be started in the spring which is almost here. Mr. Moore states the path won't be started until the weather is dry. General discussion was made about the progress of the project. Mayor asked if the asphalt companies have started making asphalt yet? Mr. Moore stated the asphalt company has not even

started producing asphalt. He states they usually start making asphalt in mid April/May they cannot make asphalt until the temperature stays above 45 degrees.

Clerk stated that Mary Bill approached her and said that her church Victory Lane Assembly of God would like to volunteer for Clean Up Day and they would like to provide hot dogs, buns, chips, and beverage for the BBQ afterwards. Clerk states she gave an estimate of participants to them so that they will know how much food to supply. Chair Jakosh asks if anyone has heard from McMinn? Mayor said he would have a conversation with Bob from the McMinn Organization. Chair Jakosh says she knows they run on their own schedule in regards to Clean Up Day. Mayor states he believes they shut down practice to clean the park. Time and date of the Clean Day was verified as May 5th at 10 a.m. and general discussion was had about the day.

Ms. Myers asked if other volunteers had been contacted for Clean Up Day. Chair Jakosh said that in the past we had reached out to get volunteers from local school and civic organizations. Clerk says she has not reached out yet. Mayor says he would talk to Jodi from Lake Co. Elementary to possibly put a notice for volunteers in the school newsletter. Ms. Moore asked about contacting the local chapter of the Boy Scouts? Mayor said he would talk to Chief Petchasko regarding the Boy Scouts. General discussion was had about possible volunteers. Ms. Roos stated she is usually doing registration on Clean Up Day. General discussion was had about assignments during the event. Ms. Myers asked if we knew who was going to be assigned to what park but after general discussion it was decided we would decide closer to the event. General discussion was had about the Boy Scouts and other possible volunteers. Ms. Roos asked about waivers for clean up day. Mayor verified that they are available on both Facebook and on the city website for volunteers to fill out. Ms. Roos stated she would need a stack for the registration area. Clerk agreed that she would give her registration forms and whatever was needed.

Clerk stated that she talked to Chief Gielink about the Fill the Cruiser event and stated the officer who usually coordinates it has personal obligations in August and that he would have to find another officer willing to organize the event. Clerk says the Chief said will get back with her and will try to accommodate August 4th for the event date but it needs to be understood that because the event involves a police cruiser it needs to be coordinated with the police department as far as providing the cruiser and officer. Chair Jakosh said we could change the date if needed. The Board wanted to do it tax free weekend but we understand if the date needs to be changed. Mr. Moore asked if it had to be an officer that brought the cruiser to the lot? Chair Jakosh said it really should be. General discussion was had about the Fill the Cruiser event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Jakosh inquired about applicants to fill the seat on the Parks and Recreation Committee. She states that the replacement would be to replace Ryan Jakosh. Mayor stated no one has showed interest. Clerk verified. General discussion was had about possible volunteers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS: Next meeting will be Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:00PM. Chair Jakosh says that she will not be in attendance but trusts that she will be informed of what was discussed during the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION MADE BY MICHELLE MOORE, seconded by Dorinda Myers, for adjournment.
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Michelle Moore, Dorinda Myers, Jennifer Jakosh, David Chabut, Cathy Roos. Nays: None Abstain: Harry Burt

MOTION PASSED: 5/0/1

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:34 p.m.

ADOPTED: 4/26/18

Michelle Moore acting
JENNIFER JAKOSH, CHAIR chair

ATTEST: Nikki M. Velez
NIKKI M. VELEZ, CLERK