

MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF May 19, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Charles Marsden called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. at City Hall, 101 Green Street.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following members were present: Holland, Jackson, Marsden, Miller, Moran, Smith and Robb.

Absent: Greibe, Greiner

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chairperson Marsden announced a quorum of Committee members present to conduct business.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes

Motion: Smith moved, seconded by Robb to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2017 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greibe, Greiner

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Discussion: Michael Sostak and Jay Dickerson made a presentation on the playground plans being developed by Kiwanis. It is their intention to assemble and install the new playground equipment July 6, 7 and 8 or the following week if weather causes a delay. They have selected some muted colors out of respect for the park. They described the landscaping work to be performed. Railroad ties to be removed. Mulch to be installed. Limestone blocks can be removed by others. Volunteers and the GHS Key Club will be involved. Discussion took place regarding handicap accessibility and the ADA. It was recommended that the City Attorney review the ADA since the City will have ultimate liability. Kiwanis will also consult with their equipment vendor regarding ADA compliance.

Motion: Jackson moved, seconded by Smith to recommend to the City Council that the proposed playground plans developed by Kiwanis be approved, provided that the issue of handicap accessibility be addressed.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greibe, Greiner

Motion Carried

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding the Short Term and Long Term Projects List as far as what work is underway and/or completed

- Tree work – Additional tree work was discussed and approved. Mark Moran will inform Dan Cole. This involves:
 - Removal of the one white pine with the red ribbon by the Oval Garden
 - Trimming of the one pine with the projecting limb.
 - Removal of 5 diseased blue spruce and one stump on city property adjacent to the drive going to the pavilion.
 - Defer on planting new trees until fall and after Country Fair at the recommendation of the nursery. Will consider flowering trees in lieu of shade trees in discussions at the next meeting.
 - Ken Robb suggested that we might want to discuss a future tree maintenance plan with David Greibe.
- Public Works Dept. work – Aerated and seeded the entire park. Placed black dirt and seed where stumps have been removed. Some hostas are coming back up at sidewalk intersections and need to be removed. Some ruts in new black dirt from equipment will need to be fixed.
- Pergola – Work is completed and bill from White Construction has been received and will be paid.
- Fountain – Jeremy White has started working on the fountain. Will be repairing basin in the next week, weather permitting. Charles Fach has repaired the centerpiece and it is reported to look very good. Cherubs, etc. are being worked on as well.
- Monument and Statue – White completed pressure washing. White will be asked to replace caulking. Paul Jackson recommends Sonneborn SL1 or NP1. Bronze statue will be inspected by Charles Fach and Ben Robb. Ken Robb to coordinate. White will leave the lift at the park until inspection is completed.
- Basketball Court – No new information.
- Pavilion – Quotations have been received. Earl Thompson Masonry quoted \$9,154. White Construction quoted \$21,750 for a broader scope of work.
- Fountain Landscaping – This involves fountain landscaping as designed by David Greibe, wisteria for the pergola, and cleanup of the area on the hillside between the oval garden and the gazebo. Limestone blocks will be saved and placed on pallets for future use. Four existing urns will be placed on limestone and cast bases around the fountain. The rest will be used at the oval garden and around the park. Ben Wiene quoted \$12,355, plus \$760 to do the preparation work around the fountain that Public Works was going to do. Pat Hahn quoted \$21,595. It was noted that Wiene might have had better plant prices because he is doing the landscaping at Prairie Ridge.

Motion: Robb moved, seconded by Jackson to recommend to the City Council that the quote of Earl Thompson Masonry in the amount of \$9,154 for the pavilion and the quote of Ben Wiene of \$12,355 + \$760 totaling \$13,115 for the fountain landscaping be approved and contracts issued.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greibe, Greiner

Motion Carried

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding “Inspirational Items” including:

- Marsden will distribute the website for the gazebo light fixture. Fixture will be selected at the next meeting.

Discussion: Joel Holland and Libby Miller have started the development of a fundraising plan. They need the ballpark estimate for the oval garden stone work. Mark Moran will talk to Bobby Hahn.

Discussion: Mark Moran will continue to populate the website. Marsden will be taking pictures of work in progress. Gazette requested to do an article on the fountain work.

Committee Member Comments: None

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING May 19, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Holland moved, seconded by Jackson to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: All
NAYS: None
Absent: Greibe, Greiner

The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles R. Marsden
Chairperson