

**MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF July 21, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson, Charles Marsden called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall, 101 Green Street.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Greibe, Greiner, and Miller

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Minutes**

**Motion:** Holland moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2017 meeting.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:** AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greibe, Greiner, and Miller

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:** None

**Discussion:** Inspirational Item reviewed was the completed fountain restoration. All were very pleased with the outcome. A comment was made by a local citizen that the plantings are true to the Victorian era. The spray from the cherubs should be pointed inward. More spray from the centerpiece would be good. Paint colors are very good. The fountain restoration does indeed set the theme for the rest of the park.

**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 – No work has been done since the last meeting. Mark Moran to contact Dan Cole. Also need to check the budget amount with Dan.
- Public Works Dept. work – Work at the intersecting sidewalks has been touched up. May need some more touch up at stumps and more seeding.
- Pergola – Work is complete. Need to plant the new wisteria.
- Fountain – Fountain looks great. Someone scratched the paint in the basin. Jeremy White will repair. Invoice for work has been received and will be paid.
- Monument and Statue – Paul Jackson is completing the work on the base of the Civil War Monument.

- Basketball Court – East Galena Township purchased new basketball goals. They have been delivered. Considerable discussion regarding condition of court surface and other uses of the area. Additional discussion to take place at the next meeting.
- Pavilion – Work has begun. Change orders for additional crack repair and floor repair will be issued. Larger downspouts will be installed. New light fixtures will be installed. Electrical outlets have been reworked. Wi-Fi is being changed.
- Fountain Landscaping – Plants are doing well. Urns were planted. Cost will be covered by the O'Bel Trust at The Galena Foundation.
- Playground – New equipment was installed on schedule. Concrete work still needs to be done. Looks great. Kids are already enjoying the new equipment.
- Gazebo Light Fixture – Fixture has arrived and will be installed.
- Rock Garden Restoration – Marsden talked to Jeremy White. Can pull back the moss roses and pressure wash the stone. Estimated to take a day to complete. Moss roses would then grow back. Committee agreed to do this work now. Replant garden next year with annuals. Weeding would be done this year. Mark Moran to discuss with Jeremy.
- Other – It was suggested that the two urns in front of the pavilion be planted with Fall annuals once the pavilion is renovated. O'Bel Trust funds could be used for this.
- Other – A maintenance program for the plantings in the park should be developed. This would involve an outside party rather than Public Works. Public Works would still do the basic grounds maintenance. The maintenance program for the park is also needed to enhance our fundraising activities.

**Discussion:** The ballpark costs for the Oval Garden is estimated to be \$105,000 as currently designed. Reviewing the cost breakdown provided by Bobby Hahn, it would be possible to reduce the cost significantly by eliminating the limestone walls and sidewalk replacement. This would also bring the oval garden thematically more in line with the restored fountain and the rest of the park. Marsden will discuss with David Greibe next time he is in town. Goal is to reconstruct the Oval Garden in 2018.

**Discussion:** Joel Holland and Libby Miller have started the development of a fundraising plan. Reducing the cost of the oval garden would bring the fundraising target to \$250,000. Cost estimates for all projects in the Grant Park Masterplan were updated and discussed. Ken Robb will discuss the fundraising plan with The Galena Foundation Board at their next meeting. Goal is to finalize the fund raising plan at the next meeting of the Grant Park Committee, kick off the fundraising on September 1 and wrap it all up by the end of the year.

**Discussion:** Thank you notes have been developed and will be used as donations are made. Thank you notes use the photo of the Victorian lady strolling through the park. Thank you notes were signed by committee members present for Timp Landscaping, Charles Fach and Kiwanis.

**Committee Member Comments:** None other than previously made in the meeting.

**SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING** August 18, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Jackson moved, seconded by Holland to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

**Discussion:** None.

**Roll Call:**

AYES:	All
NAYS:	None
Absent:	Greibe, Greiner, and Miller

The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CR Marsden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles R. Marsden  
Chairperson