

**MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF August 18, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson, Charles Marsden called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. at City Hall, 101 Green Street.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Greibe and Greiner

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Minutes**

**Motion:** Smith moved, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2017 meeting.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:** AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greibe and Greiner

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:** None

**Discussion:** Inspirational Item reviewed was the completed pavilion restoration. All were very pleased with the outcome. Light fixtures are very nice. Electrical outlet re-installation went well. Paint colors are very good. Public works has repaired the picnic tables. GHS Key Club will paint them. Wi Fi still needs to be moved.

**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.
- Public Works Dept. work –Need some more touch up at stumps and more seeding. Lilac bush and suckers growing out of stumps need some attention. The wisteria on the pergola growing into the pine tree needs to be cut back.
- Pergola – Need to plant the new wisteria.
- Fountain – Work is complete.
- Monument and Statue – Work is complete.
- Basketball Court – East Galena Township purchased new basketball goals. They have been delivered. City staff are working on a revised layout compatible with adjacent playground and large maple tree.
- Pavilion – See above.

- Fountain Landscaping – Plants are doing well.
- Playground – New equipment was installed on schedule. Concrete work still needs to be done. Looks great. Kids are already enjoying the new equipment. Additional equipment for older kids will be installed. Swings have been lowered and additional mulch installed.
- Gazebo Light Fixture – Fixture has been 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. Urns will be pressure washed when rock garden is done.

**Discussion:** David Greibe developed an alternative plan for the oval garden based on the discussion at the last meeting resulting in cost reductions. See attached. This would also bring the oval garden thematically more in line with the restored fountain and the rest of the park. This design has a low wall to bring up the elevation and allows for a more inviting broader design intent. The one wall would reduce the budget and would be within the fund raising budget. The landscape design follows the same design scheme as the fountain. The plant material will soften the hardscape materials. Instead of stone pillars the cast urn bases and urns would match the fountain garden. The centerpiece will be constructed as originally intended. No side walk replacement would be required with this design. The plant choices would be changed somewhat in the design but it would have the same feel. Goal is to reconstruct the Oval Garden in 2018.

**Discussion:** Joel Holland and Libby Miller have developed a fundraising plan. Reducing the cost of the oval garden would bring the fundraising target to \$250,000. Initial contributions could raise about \$130,000, with the rest coming from the general public. The solicitation letter will be refined and presented to the City Council for approval at the August 28, 2017 meeting. The fundraising campaign would begin on September 1, 2017 and wrap up by December 1, 2017. Any funds raised in excess of \$250,000 could be applied to park maintenance in perpetuity.

The Galena Foundation Board would also like to see recognition given to those who made in-kind contributions. These people include David Greibe, Charles Fach, Bobby Hahn, Jeremy White, Paul Jackson, and Mike Sproule.

The Galena Foundation Board has offered to individually take an active role in the fundraising effort. The fundraising effort will be administered by The Galena Foundation.

**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 note was signed by committee members present for Mike Sostak of Kiwanis for leading the playground project. Thank you notes will be signed on behalf of The City of Galena and The Galena Foundation.

**Committee Member Comments:** Mark Moran noted that the Kohlsaas Bridge railings and lamp posts will be painted in September. Color will be black, the same as used in Grant Park.

**SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING** October 20, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall. There will be no meeting on September 15, 2017 so as to avoid a conflict with The Galena Foundation's Legacy Luncheon at Old Cemetery.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Jackson moved, seconded by Robb to adjourn at 11:40 a.m.

**Discussion:** None.

**Roll Call:** AYES: All  
NAYS: None  
Absent: Greibe and Greiner

The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C.R. Marsden".

Charles R. Marsden  
Chairperson