

**MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF November 17, 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, 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:** Miller moved, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2017 meeting.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:** AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greibe and Greiner

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:** None

**Discussion:** Inspirational Items reviewed were photos taken this morning by Pat Smith of the tree planting and recent photos taken in October in the park by Marsden. Tree planting is going well and is already resulting in positive comments. The October photos are going to be used in a slide presentation for fund raising and community awareness. The October photos have been posted on the website. Pat Smith's tree planting photos will be posted on the website as well.

**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 – Dan Cole still needs to do some tree work. Twelve new trees are being planted by Redfearn. Tree in oval garden is too large to transplant. Hit old sewer pipe when planting a tree by the pavilion.
- Public Works Dept. work –Work has been completed for this year. Need to do trash can pads next spring.
- Pergola – Work is complete
- Fountain – Fountain is shut down for winter.
- 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 that is similar to the small court at Rec Park. Cost might be about \$30,000, which is not included in fund raising for master plan. An alternative source of funds will be explored.
- Pavilion – Work is complete. May need to do some rest room touch up in the spring.
- Fountain Landscaping – 325 daffodil and hyacinth bulbs planted last week by Moran family
- Playground – Work is complete
- Rock Garden and Concrete Urn Restoration – Work has been completed by Jeremy White. Looks good. Urns were planted for fall. Rock Garden plants to be updated and cleaned up in the spring.
- Upgrade Entrances – design this winter for work in spring / summer 2018. Marsden to contact David Greibe.
- Oval Garden – design this winter for work in spring / summer 2018. Marsden to contact David Greibe.
- Handicap Access -- design this winter for work in spring / summer 2018.
- Low Maintenance Plantings on Embankment – 2019 project
- Improve Signage and Wayfinding – 2019 project

**Discussion:** Fundraising effort led by The Galena Foundation was discussed. Ken Robb gave an update on fundraising to date. Current funds raised or pledged are about \$165,000. Current and future efforts include personal follow-up to key donors, more presentation to civic groups, an insert in the annual Galena Foundation mailing in December (2,500 mailings) and part of the annual Galena Foundation ad in the Galena Gazette (5,200 circulation). Goal is to wrap up by end of this year.

**Discussion:** Marsden prepared a cashflow model to coincide with the fundraising plan. At the present time \$71,861 of work has been completed with \$168,000 estimated to be completed. If fundraising continues on track, \$143,000 will be completed in 2018, and \$25,000 in 2019. The restoration of Johnson Street and the construction of limestone terrace walls would be funded in another phase. The basketball courts are not part of this fundraiser, so other means of financing it will be pursued.

**Discussion:** Marketing and Communications items currently underway include the fundraiser, photography being placed on the website, slide show for fundraiser and community awareness, etc. Mark Moran was interviewed by the TH for an article on emerald ash borer and he stated that trees have already been removed in Grant Park and new trees planted. Presentation to Rotary on December 13. Ongoing coverage in the Galena Gazette is appreciated.

**Discussion:** Meeting schedule for 2018 will remain the same; third Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall.

**Committee Member Comments:** All agreed that much has been accomplished this year. Cashflow will determine what gets done in 2018.

**SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING** January 19, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Jackson moved, seconded by Holland to adjourn at 11:30 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 "CR Marsden".

Charles R. Marsden  
Chairperson

	A	B	C	D	E	F
2	<b>Grant Park Masterplan</b>					
3	<b>11/17/2017</b>					
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6	<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Actual Amount</b>	<b>Estimated Amount</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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8	1	Painting all Lamposts	\$ 2,700.00		9/16	Completed
9	2	Gazebo Roof / Light	\$ 3,244.00		11/16	Completed
10	3	Soldier's Monument Concrete	\$ 10,920.00		11/16	Completed
11	4	Sidewalk Removal and Replacement, etc.	\$ 5,940.00		11/16	Completed
12	5	Fountain Restoration	\$ 16,090.00		7/17	Completed
13	6	Pressure Wash Monument & Statue	\$ 570.00		5/17	Completed
14	7	Pergola Restoration	\$ 6,100.00		5/17	Completed
15	8	Fountain Landscaping	\$ 10,000.00		6/17	Completed
16	9	Pavilion Restoration	\$ 16,297.00		8/17	Completed
17	10	Rock Garden & Urn Restoration	\$ -			No invoice from White
18	11	Clean up around Fountain	\$ -			Public Works
19	12	Aerate & Seed Bare Areas	\$ -			Public Works
20	13	Remove Sidewalk to Nowhere	\$ -			Public Works
21	14	Remove Stairs to Nowhere	\$ -			Public Works
22	15	Van Buren Street Cleanup	\$ -			Public Works & Neighbors
23	16	Playground	\$ -			Kiwanis & Volunteers \$19,900
24	17	Basketball Court	\$ -			East Galena & Volunteers \$5,000
25	18	Tree Removal/Trimming/New Trees		\$ 20,000.00	6/18	Ongoing, no bill from Cole
26	19	New Main Entrance / Oval Garden Rest.		\$ 60,000.00	9/18	Summer 2018
27	20	Upgrade Entrances / Fix Erosion		\$ 43,000.00	9/18	Summer 2018
28	21	Reconstruct Planting Beds		\$ 5,000.00	9/18	Spring / Summer 2018
29	22	Handicap Access		\$ 15,000.00	6/18	Spring 2018
30	23	Low Maint. Plants on Embankment		\$ 15,000.00	9/19	Summer 2019
31	24	Improve Signage & Wayfinding		\$ 10,000.00	9/19	Summer 2019
32	Total		\$ 71,861.00	\$ 168,000.00		
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34		Grand Total Fundraising		\$ 239,861.00		
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36	1	Restore Johnson Street Bricks		TBD	TBD	Future Project
37	2	Limestone Terrace Walls		TBD	TBD	Future Project
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