

**MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF April 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: Greibe, Holland, Jackson, Marsden, Moran Smith and Robb.

Absent: Greiner, Miller

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Minutes**

**Motion:** Smith moved, seconded by Holland to approve the minutes of the March 17 meeting.

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call:** AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner, Miller

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:** None

**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 has done more work. Really opens up the sight lines in the park. May remove one or two white pines by Oval Garden. David Greibe will put orange ribbon on white pine. David made recommendations on tree replacement and will flag the potential locations. Committee to discuss further at next meeting.
- Public works dept. work – Dug out plantings at sidewalk intersection and reseeded the area. Will be working around fountain and aerating and seeding park.
- Pergola – Jeremy White has prepped and painted pergola before wisteria greened up. Will do repair work next. Need to pursue lighting.
- Pavilion – Quotation documents have been prepared. Committee reviewed documents. Mark Moran had a sample light fixture that Karen Greiner found that matches what is in the St Michaels' School Band picture (which we later found to be Circa 1940).
- Fountain – Jeremy White has started working on the fountain. Committee has not decided about painting medallions bronze at this time.
- Sidewalk intersections – Public Works completed the work. Looks very good.

- Monument and Statue – Committee suggested that Jeremy White pressure wash them while working on the fountain. Bronze statue will be inspected at the same time by Charles Fach and Ben Robb.
- Playground – Kiwanis is moving forward with playground installation. Council approval in May. Bobby Hahn is doing the earthwork. East Galena Township is budgeting for basketball goals.

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

- Marsden reported on a very good presentation / discussion at the Questors meeting on April 20, 2017.
- Pat Smith and Libby Miller provided additional historic photographs that will be added to the collection.

**Discussion:** Greibe has developed a specification sheet for the plantings adjacent to the Fountain as well as the wisteria to be added to the Pergola. Greibe will mark the area for Public Works to excavate and install new soil and then mark the plant locations. Greibe has found a cast iron base for the four urns to be installed. He provided a sketch for a concrete footing, limestone base, cast iron base and urn. Moran will take this information and have several landscaping firms provide a quote to do the work.

**Discussion:** Joel Holland and Libby Miller have started the development of a fundraising plan. The committee continued the discussion from last meeting. Marsden suggested that the fundraising plan be simplified by combining the items that were previously going to be paid for by the Galena Foundation with the items that were going to be covered by raised funds. This would make management of the funds easier. This would result in an approximately \$250,000 fund raising campaign with \$50,000 or more coming from The Galena Foundation. Galena Foundation would handle the overall fundraising effort in order to provide 501C3 tax deductions to donors. Ken Robb will discuss this with The Galena Foundation Board at its next meeting. A ballpark estimate for the Oval Garden is still needed in order to more accurately set the fund raising goal. A list of potential donors is now being developed. Holland stated that the goal would be to kick off the fundraising on July 1 and complete it by January 1.

**Discussion:** In addition to the presentation to the Questors this week, the Lions Club and the Fortnightly Club have requested presentations in the fall.

**Committee Member Comments:** None

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Discussion:** None.

**Roll Call:** AYES: All  
NAYS: None  
Absent: Greiner, Miller

The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CR Marsden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles R. Marsden  
Chairperson