

MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF July 20, 2018

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, Robb and Smith

Absent: Greiner & Miller.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes

Motion: Jackson moved, seconded by Rob to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2018 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner & Miller

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Discussion: Inspirational Items discussed were new basketball courts and the GHS Prom.

Discussion: Ken Robb gave an update on the Fundraising Plan from The Galena Foundation. Total amount donated or pledged is slightly higher than last month. With in-kind gifts and other donations of labor and materials, we are close to the goal. Ken is working on the plaque layout. He will be sending letters to all donors to get actual name for plaque. There are approximately 75 donors whose names will appear on the plaques. Committee agreed that dollar values would not be placed on plaque next to the donor categories.

Discussion: Marsden previously prepared a cashflow model to coincide with the fundraising plan. No changes to the spreadsheet have been made, awaiting final prices on the Oval Garden.

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding the basketball courts. More donors have come forward, which ultimately could raise more funds than necessary. Mark Moran will discuss with East Galena Township. There was also a suggestion that the courts be used for pickle ball.

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding the Oval Garden. Bobby Hahn and David Greibe have been discussing the work and will be laying out the garden soon. Concern was raised about

areas that need to have grass growing prior to Country Fair. David will discuss with Bobby. Mark Moran noted that no quotes were received for the planting of the garden. David suggested that the plants be purchased and installed by volunteers. All agreed. David will work up an order with Midwest Ground Cover and Mark will set up an account with them. Oval Garden sidewalk repair will be done as needed and work on the Van Buren Street, Johnson Street and Kohlsaas Bridge entrances will be considered while the Louie's crew is working in the park. David to discuss with Bobby.

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 update
- Public Works Dept. Work –. Trash can pads installed. The one near the Kohlsaas Bridge may need to be relocated when the entrance is updated. French drain to be installed in low spot after Country Fair. Water shutoff manhole could also be installed after Country Fair.
- Basketball Court – Hahn previously indicated that work will be completed by August.
- Rock Garden and Concrete Urn Restoration -- Dave Greibe put together a design. Greibe to again contact Earl Thompson to see if they are still interested in doing the new plantings.
- Oval Garden – See above.
- Upgrade Entrances – See above
- Handicap Access – Public Works to begin work shortly
- Playground – Kiwanis added more mulch.
- Low Maintenance Plantings on Embankment – 2019 project. This has been included in the Galena River Watershed Plan as a demonstration project.
- Improve Signage and Wayfinding – 2019 project. Should also update O'Bel Trust signage.

Discussion: Marketing and Communications items involving the centerpiece plaques were discussed.

Committee Member Comments: No additional.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING August 17, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: All
 NAYS: None
 Absent: Greiner & Miller

The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles R. Marsden
Chairperson