

Village Council Meeting As  
A Committee of the Whole  
April 24, 2018  
6:30 PM

ROLL CALL: Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, Bob Keogh, Bill May, Louann Artiaga, and Richard Bingham. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Director of Public Services Steve Pilcher, Clerk Susan Miller, Tom Malicki, Karen Gerhardinger, Yvonne Walters, Rob Casaletta, and Jerry Finferra.

At 6:30 PM, President of Council, Bill May called the meeting to order.

Motion by Louann Artiaga, seconded by Bob Keogh to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting. 6 ayes

President of Council, Bill May asked for Citizen Comments pertaining to Agenda items. There were none.

#### Parks and Recreation

The first order of business was to engage in a Committee member workshop regarding development of the Village's Parks.

- Comments to stimulate the workshop
- Parks Master Plan
- Project locations within the park
- Small municipalities common denominator for parks – lack of planning
- Potential to plan an organized park
- Front wedge, Village greens, Botanical, Extension of Streetscaping, Fountain, Lodge, Move Playground, Lure people in as peaceful, seating/sidewalks, effect on Cherry Fest, Tree plan for front green
- Pavilion, see through whole park, multigenerational experience, seating, shade, lodge not impeding view
- Lodge next to restroom – look out see whole park
- Removing portion of Gilead and St. Louis Streets (from bathrooms to alley), dead end two way streets
- Lodge overlooking water on small quarry
- Lodge, Playground, Fitness and Musical Equipment
- Fitness Equipment around the quarry – agreed, remove art pieces
- Lodge at large quarry, not willing to invest that much money in property not owned by the Village
- Street along the ice cream shop – voted to leave open
- Possibly removing one baseball field and improving the other, used May to July steadily, AWYF to build additional fields, anyone can reserve fields after January 1, AWABSA reserves for the season
- Jr. Generals behind the Inn, Metroparks, Jr. Generals built and maintain, cannot use fields at school
- Lodge will be four seasons, \$400,000-500,000, planned 5 years in advance
- Lodge near tower

- Lodge near Indianapolis with shared and improved pickleball parking
- Shelter house location difficult to have events and keep people out
- Large storm sewer runs near the water tower
- Lodge not just for events, but to be a vibrant community/senior center with continuous activities
- Take advantage of natural elements
- Contact people that are park planners to assist in placement, have had consultants, COW wants to do the work of park planning, at a point of making decisions
- Move playground equipment from the triangle, If you take away the ballfield, what are you putting there? Why take away something that our residents are using? Place playground by the active area/Pickleball
- Quarry is beautiful, but dangerous for small children
- Members of Council make a map of layout and placement
- Playground close to lodge
- Lodge placement, practical or spectacular/do it right
- Families with young children don't want to feel apart from the activities
- Walking tour next meeting at the park
- Memorial Park, Village looking for grants, Village funds, could be a combination of donations and Village funds, Fundraisers – Frisbee Golf, Legion Riders, Cigar Affair, Hanger Dance, Spaghetti Dinner, Freezin' for a Reason, Third Street Cigars street fair, Pickleball tournament, \$150,000 – 180,000 for infrastructure, paver bricks not for sale yet, costs – looking at changing fountain to a tiered garden
- Sandra Park – tables and benches
- People want lots of amenities, are they willing to pay extra for it? Grants, already paying for it in taxes, Municipal parks difficult to get funding, in kind donations from trades, Sertoma looking for service projects
- With good planning in 5 years enough money could be earmarked for a lodge with no diminished services if the Administrator is given the freedom to do so by Council
- The next meeting is to be held at the park or chamber office
- Not putting all of the money in one park and neglecting others
- Maps to the Administrator by May 8<sup>th</sup> with lodge and playground placement, he will compile what the majority shows
- Look at Sandra Park area
- Working with the Port Authority on the Oak Brook park
- Anderson's \$50,000 donation to a Monclova park
- Parallel parks are not a problem
- Raising private funds for the playground
- Public wants money spent 1. Police 2. Fire 3. Refuse 4. Public Works (water, sewer, streets) 5. What is left over in parks

Motion by Bob Keogh, seconded by Louann Artiaga to adjourn at 8:25 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller, Clerk