

Village Council Meeting As  
A Committee of the Whole  
May 22, 2018  
6:30 PM  
Park Pavilion at Whitehouse Park

ROLL CALL: Richard Bingham, Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, Bob Keogh, Bill May, and Louann Artiaga. Also present were the following: Mayor Don Atkinson, Administrator Jordan Daugherty, Community Development Coordinator Barbara Knisely, Clerk Susan Miller, Tom Malicki, Rob Casaletta, Leroy and Joann Ryerson, Lisa Morrison, Tim Bockbrader, and Denny Schwartz.

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

Motion by Mindy Curry, seconded by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer to approve the minutes of the May 8, 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 a discussion on placement of features, attractions and usage of Whitehouse Park.

- Tim Bockbrader from the Edge was present to bounce ideas off of
- The front wedge of Whitehouse Green is intended to be ornamental, Lodge, Hardscape, Splash Pads, Playground
- Lodge location, Near bathroom, Trail at stop sign intersection, at Blue Creek (Whitehouse will be In charge of scheduling), across the street near library by fence, right of way for access to Property, power lines impeding where Cherry Fest building is, power lines Very costly to put Underground
- Administration will look into the Lodge being placed across from the park near library
- Musical, Fitness, Playground, Splash pad, Seating Area
- Keep shelter House
- Pickleball lighting, wind screen on order for pickleball courts
- Example lodge, beautiful building at Otsego Park, holds around 120 people, 50' x 150', Restrooms, Community/Senior Center, Hall for rental, four seasons, Owned by the Village, rental Goes to the Village
- Former Dollar General building unavailable
- Parks Master Plan overview
- Front of the Park has no shade, remove evergreens, plant shade or flowering trees, Evergreens Are nice at Christmas, Can't see the Park with pines as barriers, Mature tree replacement Schedule, open up the front of the park, better view of the Soldier statue, Evergreens block Sightline, no pedestrian connectivity, dedicated sidewalks, line of sight into the park, Evergreens Can be used in water for fish

- Wayfinding signs, angled parking, reversing street flow
- Keep the shelter house
- Reverse flow of traffic on Lucas, terminate street before restrooms – kids don't have to cross Traffic, removing Lucas Street along the quarry
- Playground placement in a shaded area, long line of swings, handicap accessible equipment, Community build to keep down costs, nearby parent seating
- Sculpture garden
- Concerts at the pavilion, adult area behind, playground behind that
- Rubber mulch – solicit Home Depot or Lowes
- Fitness equipment – consult Julie Westenfelder about placement, rather have more pieces than Less, healthy living grants, less pieces along Waterville Street
- Parking by Pickleball Courts, bring in from Indianapolis
- Dock being handicap accessible
- Ballfields are highly used
- Splash pad

The next order of business was consideration of a joint venture opportunity with Camp Courageous for use of their swimming pool for Whitehouse residents.

- Councilwoman Artiaga updated Council as to developments.
- Camp Courageous uses the pool from 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM Monday – Thursday. The Village Could have use from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM and all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- 354 hours would cost \$30,000.00 for the summer
- Trial run to see how many residents use the facility
- Kids need to be accompanied by a 16 year old or older
- Building a public pool cost estimates range from \$300,000 - \$500,000 and still have maintenance Costs of \$480/day
- Target dates for 2018, June 11 – August 25, look into keeping open until Labor Day
- Camp Courageous covers liability
- Pools are expensive and high maintenance
- Administration will put together a package to present
- Residents only this year
- June 5, 2018 approve the expenditure

Motion by Bill May, seconded by Bob Keogh to recommend to Council to pursue the concept of partnering with Camp Courageous for the use of their swimming pool for Whitehouse residents. 6 ayes

The last order of business was to consider the next steps to be taken for Veteran's Memorial Park. Council walked to Veteran's Memorial Park to view the site.

- In 2010 plazas were discussed, downtown beautification, streetscaping
- Three years ago the budget was \$175,000 - 200,000.
- Get something done more quickly, shows those that have donated that it's going
- Proposed Whitehouse matching funds grant

- Phase 1AB cost is approximately \$150,000, DWI will have \$75,000 soon, if Whitehouse matches And manages project phase 1AB could be completed
- Veteran's Memorial Park is considered a municipal park
- Third Street Cigar shop benefit, services/material may be donated, grant pending due June 1, 2018, grants are harder to get
- Leroy Ryerson is an asset to the community, something to be proud of, Has contributed lots of Effort raising money, a joint effort with the Village
- Phasing is not a new cost
- How many times is it being proposed to match funds? This proposal if only for one time
- Phase 1AB will look complete in and of itself
- It was presented from the beginning that Village funds would be used to get the project done
- Councilwoman Curry asked for information on bids/estimates/scope, visual
- The Village has always been in charge of construction, it has always been a public/private Partnership to reduce the burden on taxpayers
- Plans are available on the website
- Concrete union workers, electrical (possible donations), unable to donate until the work begins
- Village Council voted to build Memorial Park
- Move forward and get construction started
- Pavers generate public interest
- DWI has \$65,000, Phase 1AB is \$150,000, Village has the money
- Been very good stewards of public funds, on track for a \$1 million carryover, can afford to do This without affecting the Villages financial standing
- All 3 phases cost \$250,000-\$300,000
- Doing the complete project, a lot of projects are done in phases, get it started, phases encourage public donations
- Administration put together a proposal

Motion By Bob Keogh, seconded by Louann Artiaga to adjourn at 8:58 PM. 6 ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Miller, Clerk