

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
9:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting  
311 S. Main St.  
City Council Chambers

Tuesday March 1, 2022

PRESENT: Shawn Personke, Pat Muldoon, Erin Brayton, Sharon Castle, Sam Angus, Andrew Thompson, Kate Mehuron (City Council liaison), Julia Upfal, Community Development Director

Meeting called to order by Mehuron at 9:00 am

1. Agenda. Motion to approve; Second.

Discussion: requests to amend the agenda to include a Freer-Trinkle update and Pathways to Renewal. Motion approved with amendments to the agenda: Unanimous.

2. Call to the public.

Joe Kummer provided historical documents about the origin of the Pathways to Renewal Project, and requested support from the Commission to find ways to repair and maintain the project. Mehuron received these documents for the record: articles in the Chelsea Standard (05/01/2003; 09/11/2003; 09/18/2003 Full laminated page); Chelsea Standard 07/10/2003 (full laminated page); blurb in *Spectrum Awards Honoring Outstanding Achievements in the Use of Ceramic Tile 2004*, Special Recognition of "The Spirit of Renewal" for Community Service.

3. Commission Officer election. A round of self-introductions ensued.

Nomination of Shawn Personke to Chair. Motion to approve; Second. Approve: unanimous.

Nomination of Sam Angus as Vice Chair. Motion to approve; Second. Approve: unanimous.

Nomination of Kate Mehuron as Secretary. Motion to approve; Second. Approve: unanimous.

4. Bylaws. Upfal suggested the need for a work session to develop the Commission's bylaws.

Personke, motion to approve Mar 22, 9:00 am as the date of the work session. Angus, second. Approved: Unanimous.

5. 2022-2023 Budget. Upfal clarified that the budget will be an item in the work session. The task is to prioritize goals and correlated expenditures Commissioners advised to review the five year projected budget in the Parks and Recreation Plan, posted on the City website.

6. Dog park. Discussion focused on maintenance problems (dog poop on the walkway leading to park entrance, holes, condition of trash cans) and unevenly enforced and unclear park rules (unregistered users; lack of walkway signage). Questions regarding the number of registered users raised. Upfal will

bring the number of registered users to the work session, to ascertain how much of the registration revenue is used to maintain the park.

7. Rec-IT Tuesday. Angus stated that June 28 and July 12 are available for planning by the Commission. Motion to approve July 12 as the preferred date; Second; Approved Unanimous.

Discussion: Angus recommended that the Human Hamster Balls rented by the Commission in summer 2019 was very successful. Upfal uncertain that information is available on her City server access. Angus may need to follow up on cost and reservation.

8. Pathways to Renewal discussion. Upfal is reviewing with legal counsel past email communications, City obligations and safety liabilities that have been historically incurred. Personke suggested that the City look at what other cities are doing with their public art, and public-private partnerships. There is a need for some kind of legal agreement with the City. Mehuron suggested that an appraisal of the monetary and cultural value of the current installation be factored into future deliberations.

9. Freer-Trinkle property discussion. Upfal reported that City Council has not yet designated the land. Upfal gave an update. She is working with the County Groundfill Authority to complete an asbestos survey before demolition of the house, barn and shed. The purchase happened with understanding that the farmhouse should be demolished. The property is under jurisdiction of Lima Township, designated by the township as special land use as a park. Before any Chelsea City designation, a site plan must be submitted to the township, unless the land is annexed by the City (annexed). A legal review by the City is needed for annexation. Possibly, the City Council may need to hold a work session to determine this process. The Community Center Task Force, meeting on March 2, 2022, will review the related issues of the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation interest in exploring collaboration with the City, the Main Street Park Alliance project, and the private fundraising initiative for a new Chelsea Schools fieldhouse. Angus cautioned against dovetailing the Freer-Trinkle property and the Community Center discussions. He offered that the bigger issue is dedicating the Freer-Trinkle property for Parks, and noted that in the Parks and Recreation 5 Plan, the short term goal was to designate it for Parks. He urged that discussions of other uses for the property should not continue.

10. Next meeting.

Work session: March 22, 9:00 am

Regular meetings are on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays.

Next regular meeting: April 5, 9:00 am.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn; Second. Approved: unanimous.