

Leo -Cedarville Park Board Minutes

4-12-2021

Via Zoom

In attendance for the meeting were: Dirk Schmidt, Tyler Witmer, Bill Gravatt, Holly White, Patrick Proctor, Pam Spannuth, Janet O'Connor.

President Dirk Schmidt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and corrected. Dirk Schmidt made a motion to approve the corrected minutes and Tyler Witmer 2nd. The votes to approve were unanimous. Pam Spannuth gave the Treasurers report. She sent distributions with vouchers and rentals to every board member. Pam asked the Board if anyone had any questions. She further stated that the Park Board has 78% of their budget left for the 2021 year. Springtime has a lot of expenses, mulch, fertilizer, and Heartland services. Fall has much less in the way of expenses. Dirk Schmidt asked if anyone had any questions. Hearing no questions, he asked for a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Bill Gravatt asked for a few minutes to look over the report and circle back to the motion to approve.

Pat Proctor told the Board about a Johnny Appleseed clipping that Tony Bricker wanted to donate to the Park. It was believed to have been saved from one of the original trees planted by Johnny Appleseed. The clipping would need a site with full sun and a 20 ft. diameter. Dirk Schmidt stated he thought the historical nature of the clipping would be very neat and he would be in favor of accepting the donation. The entire Board agreed, and it was decided to accept Tony's donation and have a spot chosen by a few Board members. Bill Gravatt and Holly White said they would walk the park and find a suitable spot. Pat Proctor asked if the board would be fine with a plaque being placed at the site to inform the public of the historical significance of the cutting. The Board stated that the plaque would be a good idea.

Pat Proctor brought to the Boards attention that a Ash Tree near the Leo Cedarville Pavilion needed to be treated for Emerald Ash Borer disease. Meyers Chemical quoted \$270.00 for a every other year treatment to protect the tree. He asked if the Board would like to authorize the treatment. Pat stated that Tony Bricker was going to be doing a tree maintenance map for the Parks. This would give the park information on what should be done in 5 years—10 years, etc. Bill Gravatt said in his experience, Ash Trees eventually die even with treatment. The maintenance plan was a great idea, but the treatment should be tabled until further research or recommendations from Tony were given. The Board agreed to table the treatment to a future meeting. At this time Pat Proctor had to leave due to another Zoom meeting.

Tyler Witmer had sent out to the Board members new quotes from three security companies in reference to cameras at Riverside Gardens. Simplex had quoted \$8,745 for the complete camera system. This quote would require the park to pay for all power that needed to be run to various areas of the park. Priority 1 quoted \$10, 676.00. Their quote required the park to run wire to the tow pole and add sufficient lighting for the cameras. Millennium Sound quoted \$15,794.89 as a complete package. Tyler said that the cost to run electricity would be about 5-7 thousand, with the Priority 1 quote. He stated that with all the work and the quotes, together the park would be looking at about \$18,000.00 for a

complete camera system. Dirk Schmidt asked about the projected life of the equipment. Tyler stated that 12 to 14 years would be a valid guess. Tyler said he had looked into grant money, but he did not see anything for security at this time. Holly and Bill Gravatt both felt the damage we have experienced at the park does not warrant this kind of expense. \$1500.00 worth of vandalism did not seem like enough to spend \$18,000.00 on a system. Pam Spannuth stated that maybe the Board should think of the cameras as a liability issue rather than the vandalism. The cameras would protect the splash pad and restrooms for other issues rather than damage. She also stated that perhaps the Board could approach the Town Council for some assistance. Dirk Schmidt stated that the Board needed time to research some grants and review this topic in two months. He asked if that was reasonable to the Board. Every board member agreed. Tyler spoke about the light replacements at the Leo-Cedarville pavilion. He had the best bid from Morris Sheet metal for \$1506.00. This bid would solve the problem of the birds nesting inside the soffit and the mess. A metal ring would be added to all of the lamps and they would be flush with the soffit. Dirk Schmidt stated that this was a much cheaper than replacing all of the fixtures and asked the board for a motion to approve the expense. Bill Gravatt asked how we would pay for this? Pam Spannuth stated that the Board has funds available to cover the costs. Dirk made a motion to approve and Holly 2nd the motion, which was passed.

Dirk Schmidt brought to the board the Leo Cedarville Pavilion rental agreement that he has rewritten. He had asked the members their thoughts about the new form. It was decided that the rental times on Friday, Saturday and Sunday should be 7am to 2pm and then 4pm to 10pm. This gives the maintenance person time to clean and prepare for the next renter. Dirk asked if anyone else had any thoughts. Holly White stated she was fine with it as did Tyler and Bill stated he had no preference. Dirk Schmidt stated that he thought the rental agreement is something that perhaps the Board should revisit every year. The entire Board was in agreement.

Dirk Schmidt asked if there was any additional comments or business to discuss. Bill Gravatt stated he had read the treasurer's report and was ready to make a motion to approve. Tyler 2nd the motion and the treasurer's report was unanimously approved. Dirk again asked for any additional comments. Hearing no comments or seeing no hands raised, he called for the meeting to be adjourned.

The next meeting of the Leo Park Board will be in person on May 11th, 2021 pending whether enough members will be able to attend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dirk Schmidt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.