

Leo-Cedarville Park Board Meeting  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Meeting via Zoom

In Attendance: Dirk Schmidt, Bill Gravatt, Holly White, Ron Turpin, Pam Spannuth, Janet O'Connor and Barb Smith

President Dirk Schmidt called the meeting to order and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from January were presented (via email) and a vote was taken to accept the minutes. A vote of 4-0 to accept was minutes as presented. Treasurer Pam Spannuth presented (via emails), the January vouchers for the Park Board to approve. The total amount was \$4,470.90 for the vouchers. Money was spent on rental equipment, payroll and invoices received. The Park Board voted 4-0 to accept the vouchers as presented. Pam Spannuth stated that the year-end appropriations report would be emailed to the members prior to the March meeting. She also stated that the Board had 11% of its 2020 budget left.

Food truck pricing was discussed as new business due to the Covid -19 restrictions still in place in Allen County. The question being raised ----What would be a fair fee to charge food trucks knowing the impact that Covid-19 has on the park attendance? During 2020, a prorated fee of \$40.00 for June-Sept. was charged. Two food trucks were given vendor permits during that time. One truck said they would return and one stated they would not. As of this date only 1 inquiry has been received about purchasing a 2021 vendor permit. The Board decided that for 2021 a fee of \$75.00 for the entire year would be the permit fee for any food truck. A revised permit application will be brought to the next meeting(emailled).

The security cameras in Riverside Gardens will be discussed in the March meeting as Tyler Witmer was unable to attend tonight's meeting. An overlay of the park will be emailed to members.

Dirk Schmidt asked Pam Spannuth if there was anything new concerning the walnut tree at Leo-Cedarville Park and she stated not at this time.

Bill Gravatt stated that the bushes and the area of the Mesic gardens at Riverside Gardens looked great and that Rick and Jacob did a great job. He also stated that Rick and Jacob had the Riverside Park sign and were working on it. Bill Gravatt told the Board that a large project would need to be addressed in possible 2022. The lot at Riverside Gardens will need paving and the cost would be expensive, a large hit to the yearly budget.

Barb Smith from the Leo Foundation was present and asked if she had any input this evening. She stated that the Freedom Fest would be fireworks only this year, taking place on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation was not going to do anything to encourage people to gather in the parks due to Covid-19. She did ask that when the Board decides which events that will take place in 2021, the Leo Foundation would like to be a part of events around Christmas.

Dirk Schmidt asked if anyone had anything additional to add to the meeting for discussion. Hearing no comments, Dirk advised the Board that the next meeting would be March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm on Zoom. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved – Dirk Schmidt

Attested – Pamela Spannuth

Approved via Zoom

