

Leo-Cedarville Park Board Meeting
March 8th, 2021
Meeting via Zoom

President Dirk Schmidt called the meeting to order at 5pm and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Present at the Zoom meeting were Dirk, Schmidt, Tyler Witmer, Holly White, Ron Turpin, Pam Spannuth, Pat Proctor and Janet O'Connor. Joining the meeting were Barb Smith, David Gall and Member Bill Gravatt.

Dirk Schmidt asked the Board to Approve the minutes from February and Pam Spannuth had made a few corrections: changing Holly's last name from Friddle to White and a few grammatical errors. Dirk asked for the Boards approval. Ron made a motion to accept and Holly 2nd. The motion and it was passed 4-0.

Pam Spannuth gave the Treasurers report. Three emails were sent to Board members showing the year end report, the appropriations report and the current report. Dirk Schmidt asked if the Board had any questions for Pam. Tyler made a motion to accept the reports and Ron Turpin 2nd the motion, it was carried by a 4-0 vote.

Pat Proctor asked the board if the Administrators hours and the budget would allow for some flexibility. He mentioned that the regular hours are 16 per week and with Board meetings and after-hours giving evening pavilion tours, could he give her an extra 2 hours as needed. After discussion, Pat stated that he would monitor the hours and make sure that the amount the Board had authorized for the year would not be exceeded.

Dirk Schmidt moved on to the proposed revised rental agreements and after receiving input form the Board and others, this is tabled until he takes everything under advisement.

Tyler Witmer had sent a map of the Riverside Gardens to the Board with colors that indicated the areas of security. Green being highest priority, red the next level and yellow the least area of concern. He asked that the board establish a budget to assist with the pricing and overall costs of the system. He stated that the equipment proposed was similar to the system used by Fort Wayne Parks. Ron asked what funding would be used to pay for the cameras? Pam Spannuth stated that the Riverside Garden Fund had around \$7,000.00 and there was also \$2,000.00 allocated for Riverside Gardens. Barb Smith indicated that the Park Board has funds available from the Foundation if needed. Tyler Witmer said that he would get new quotes with mid-range equipment and the members could decide on what type of coverage they wanted. Bill Gravatt asked what was the largest expense? Tyler stated the 32-channel hard drive was the biggest expense. He thought a 16-channel system may work. Pat Proctor stated that he thought the green and the red areas are ones that we want to have camera's recording. Tyler stated that perhaps color for the green area and a black and white camera on the red areas would lower the costs. The issue will be continued as Tyler will request new quotes with different equipment, less expensive models.

David Gall asked to speak. He stated that the tree was cut and the log was laying on the ground. He said he observed many children on and around the log and asked if someone could put a cone on it until he picked up the log tomorrow. Pat Proctor said he would get someone to take care of that.

Dirk said that Janet had asked if it was ok to do multiple rentals on the sign for Holidays only. There was an incident where 2 people wanted the Valentine's Day sign rental and both were willing to share the sign. Cost was discussed with the board giving Janet the decision to try it out for Mother's Day and get back with the board. Pat suggested a \$15.00 cost per renter with a 6-rental maximum. Janet will get back to the board on the success or failure of this idea.

Pat Proctor addressed a local scam that was perpetrated on the Riverside Gardens Park. A lady with a false name and information had posted on the internet that tables were available for rent at \$50.00 per table for a huge craft show in May at Riverside Gardens. This was brought to out attention by the

Grabill Fair Board. A posted note was placed on the Facebook pages of the Leo Town and the Parks dept. stated that they did not have a craft fair and that they believed this to be the work of a scammer. The Sheriffs dept was also called and a report filed. The Board felt that the posts were enough to keep us from any liability.

Dirk Schmidt asked if there was any additional business. He then asked if the Board approved of the idea that the President would oversee the Agenda for the Park Board meetings. After discussion, everyone favored this idea as it was done in the past. From this date forward, all items to be placed on the agenda should be sent to Dirk.

Tyler stated he had some additional information on hold movie nights. The cost he was quoted was approx. \$395 to \$450.00 per movie. Holly White asked about getting a one year license to hold movies and would that be cheaper. Tyler responded that the price he was given was per movie and included any title available. Bill thought that the price was not terribly high. Janet stated that there is grant money for small towns that are trying to increase activities in their communities and movie night were one of the ideas in the grant. Pat stated that any information on grants needs to be brought to the Board and not to just one member unless the Board grants that committee member authority to do so. Dirk said that that was a fair point and any grant information will be brought directly to the Park Board for their consideration.

Dirk asked if there was any additional comments or business. Seeing no hands, he called the meeting adjourned.

Park Board President