November 15, 2018

Attendance: Mark Ferguson, Brandon Thompson, Travis Gatling, Daniel Brown, Nic Palmer, Alan Swank

City Staff: Andrew Chiki, Kevin Scurlock

Guests: Rob Delach

**Call to Order at 5:34 pm**

**Approval of Minutes:** Alan made a motion to accept the September minutes with Brandon seconding. The motion was approved.

**Guest Presentation:**

Prior to getting into the business portion of the evening, Rob Delach was invited to share the results of the recently completed bike path usage study. Three locations were studied along the bike path. There is an article in The Messenger with more detailed information. Each location counted approximately 250 users per day.

**Old Business**

*Community Center Sign*: Alan shared that he found that nowhere in the code specifies that the sign cannot be changed throughout the day. He has spoken with Mayor Patterson about the matter and the Mayor agreed.

*Pool Survey*: The survey has been cut down to a more manageable size. Andrew had been waiting for an administrative response to the survey. The survey will be proceeding.

**New Business**

*National Girls and Women's Sports Event* : To be held on February 2 from 9am – 12 pm. Being called "Breakfast of Champions". A panel discussion will take place with Callie Brownson- Dartmouth Football Coach, Amanda Souer – MAC and BIG Football Referee, Kelly Parker-Hannah – Professional Sports Agent, Shelane Warren- Assistant Athletic Director at Ohio State. The keynote is going to be Katie Smith – Logan HS Grad, Ohio State Grad, Olympic Gold Medalist, Professional Basketball Player, Professional Coach and Hall of Famer. Mark suggested that we reach out to Dusty Kilgour from OU about space availability. The group consensus was that the event should be a ticketed event because of the amount of interest it will draw. The tickets could be free, but there has to be a way to manage the attendance. Table sponsors were also brought up as an idea. Nic shared his connection with women's hockey and that he is reaching out to representatives from that realm.

*Skate Park* : There are two projects currently related to the skate park. The first is working with Zack Powell, a skate park industry person, to evaluate repairs and make recommendations for work to be done. The capsule needs work and there is some coping that looks to be in need of repair. The second project is working with Leif Wakefield to create a skateboarding spring break camp and a potential specialty summer skateboarding camp. Andrew shared that there is interest in a sub-committee forming of interested individuals from the community that have an interest in skateboarding to discuss development at the park. Andrew said he would like a representative from the advisory board to participate on that sub-committee. Brandon asked if there could be some ways for public art to be incorporated into the skate park.

*Sandlot Agreement*: The Sandlot agreement is coming up again. There has been disagreement with sandlot in the past over the memo of understanding. Terri would like to work through a solution with the APR advisory board on this to negotiate with sandlot this winter. Andrew and Kevin shared a brief history of what Sandlot has done for the West State Street Park, the leadership of Sandlot, and some of the challenges and opportunities of working with the group. A lengthy discussion took place about the status of the MOU and what the goals the City is trying to achieve with it. It was agreed that one of the goals should be to work in a collaborative manner with Sandlot. Another aspect that was brought up by Mark was that the department should clarify the operation and management of all open spaces and athletic surfaces in prior to any discussion with Sandlot. This would include field usage rates and rules. Alan would like to know exactly what Sandlot has put into the development of the West State Street Park and what the financial value is. Marilyn mentioned that when West State Street was developed for baseball and softball it left soccer with few options and the result of the fields along the river was not good. Andrew said he would send out the MOU from 2017 for review by the advisory board and that for the December meeting requested that the board find other places that have agreements similar to the one with Sandlot. The board agreed that this should be a high priority item for the December meeting.

*Park Signage*: Kevin shared that Terri is looking at evaluating signage across all parks. Currently not all parks and spaces have uniform signage. Kevin also shared that inclusion of the No Smoking ordinance is needed to be included as well. Terri will have additional information at the next advisory board meeting.

Scholarship Program: Terri has a model for a youth scholarship program. She would like to have the advisory board oversee this program. The board will need to determine if it is something they would like to take on or not. This would likely include setting the number of scholarships offered, which programs, review applications, advocating and fundraising one event per year to raise awareness and funds. Brandon expressed that he is open to this. The rest of the board agreed but would like for Terri to send the details of the model for them to review prior to the next meeting. Andrew said that he would relay that message to Terri.

**Staff Report**

*APR Department Report*: Kevin Scurlock was introduced again and shared about what his staff does, their responsibilities and how the job has evolved since he started. Alan shared that his wife works quite a bit with Kevin and his crew and is impressed with their work. He also said that he believes that they are understaffed for the responsibilities that they have. Alan shared that he would like to see a color coded map of the areas that Kevin and his crew take care of.

*Project Update*: Kevin was able to talk briefly about the Highland Park project and ARTS/West Ramp. The parking lot at Highland has been finished and there is a little bit earthwork to do, but the project is nearly complete. Andrew shared that he is waiting on price estimates for the security system at the community center.

*Budget*: Andrew put together a packet of the budget that included; year to date revenue and expenses of the department, the overall fund report for all City accounts, a brief sheet from the Auditor's Office on their accounting system, and how income tax is split amongst various accounts. He briefly explained how the department is funded and the way the multiple accounts are used for the department. Alan shared that he feels that if the Advisory Board can participate in supporting the budget process that it would be helpful in advocating for needs of the department, especially related to staffing needs and project planning.

**Adjourn**

Nic made a motion to adjourn with Brandon seconding. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.