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## RICHFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING Monday, March 1, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** The zoom meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: *Jason Keppler, Carolyn Sullivan, Ron Hayden, Amy Huey, Sam Papp, and Elisabeth Kelly*

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mike Wheeler, mayor, Laura Toth, assistant to the mayor and interim park director, Gary Domanick, council representative, Denise, resident, Kim Ganley, resident, Bobbie Beshara, Ellen Daniels, resident and Doug Wagner, resident.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

I want to thank Phil McLean for his 45 years of service to the Village of Richfield. Phil, has been a great Fire Chief, great mentor and friend. Everyone in this Village is blessed to have had him and his expertise protecting us all.

I met with some folks on Sunday afternoon that are interested in locating their awesome business in Richfield.

John Hudak resigned from the Cemetery Board as of February 8, 2021. Stephanie Landrey has resigned from Tree & Landscape in order to take a seat on the Cemetery Board. Sheila Schreiner has requested to be a member of the Tree & Landscape Commission.

Sheila sent the following email to me on 2/12/2021:

Council approved the appointments of Stephanie Landrey to the Cemetery Board and Sheila Schreiner to the Tree & Landscape Commission.

Donna Skoda, the Summit County Health Officer stated Vaccines are in very short supply, but this should ease by the end of March. Donna also said that by June our outdoor programs had to be held to 1/3 full capacity.

Bill and Holly from Eileen Shapiros office said beginning March 8, 2021 applications will be available for utility help. In order to apply you can go to [summitcountycares.org](http://summitcountycares.org) after that date.

The Summit County Seasonal Worker Program which helps communities with snow plowing and sewer emergencies had 11 people apply but only 4 were qualified to be hired. 3 were sent to Norton for

Training last week and 1 will be sent tomorrow. The County is asking retirees who have snow plowing experience and sewer experience to apply to participate in the program.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Feasibility Study Update:**

Mayor Wheeler stated that right now it is the final stages of being put together, we should have something by mid-next week that we can share with everyone in town. Amy asked if we would be able to talk to pros as a park board. The mayor responded that once we get the final study, we can talk to them. Dr. Domanick and Mr. Keppler found it be beneficial to go to Rittman to receive more information about a community center. Denise asked what happened at the meeting last week with pros. The mayor explained it was an update on when they expected to give the finalized feasibility study, expected to remain independent until the final study was received.

Resident Doug Wenger asked if there was a process where someone signed off on the questions prior to them going to the public. How those questions were developed and if anyone from the village was involved in approving those questions. The mayor stated it was an independent study and they had come up with the questions based on if we can afford a community center or not. The mayor said the survey was posted December 1<sup>st</sup> and taken down December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Developments on Eastwood Barn:**

The most recent update was the contractor that was going to take the project on has not gotten back to us, so the only information we have on fixing the barn is the bids 250 grand – 400 grand. We are trying to get local people to come in and donate time, effort and materials to save the barn. Executive assistant to the mayor, and interim parks and recreation director, Laura Toth stated that she had talked to Chris Papp and ask if we could do another extension—things needed to be completed by June to get the grant fund.

### **Egg hunt details:**

Ms. Toth stated that the ad was published in the paper. The eggs are to be stuffed at the Richfield Townhall. The eggs will be filled with candy with gloves on. There will be a route around the area where eggs will be hidden in people's yards that had signed up.

### **Naming of the pond / lake, waiting to hear back:**

No update, waiting to hear from Labalzo family before proceeding.

### **Tree / landscape report:**

Sam Papp said there are seven of ten spots for adopt-a-spot \$250 to sponsor. Tree city USA will be postponed until 2022. Still working on the logistics for the tree giveaway, looking at how many trees and what species per household. Trying to condense the hanging baskets to 303 and 21 only. Gary stated the tree giveaway is April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Townhall at 9:00 a.m. and will line-up with Project pride and the hard drive recycle and paper shredding. Also, a drug disposable for unused or expired medication through the police department.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Next meeting date on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### **Board goals:**

Jason mentioned he sent out an email about setting up a separate meeting either virtual or in-person. A break-out session was suggested at a later date.

The park board spent time reviewing the Feasibility Study and finished finalizing the rates for the village rentals.

**AGENDA REQUESTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:05 p.m.**



Jason Keppler, Chairperson



Elisabeth Kelly, Secretary

Date: 4/28/21