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RICHFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 3, 2021
6:00 p.m.

**NEW LOCATION DUE TO WEATHER: We are meeting at
Town Hall Council Chambers, IN PERSON**

Original Location: RICHFIELD WOODS PAVILION In-person

CALL TO ORDER: The zoom meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Jason Keppler, Carolyn Sullivan, Ron Hayden, and Elisabeth Kelly

Absent: Amy Huey, Sam Papp

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 Wenger, resident.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The overall 2021 budget has been reduced to nearly all needs based.

18 roads are getting cracked sealed. 15 roads are getting paved as well as possibly for parking area.

The water to the center of town will start within the next 21 days. Briarwood sewer will begin construction in August. The service director met with NEORDS to discuss 3 projects (Brecksville Force Main & PS 2 replacement, Briarwood sanitary sewer replacement, & Glen Cairn Creek Sanitary sewer RELOCATIOLN & PS). They made several suggestions which we will incorporate into the village's applications.

- a. P&Z continued the discussion with Storage in Motion regarding the outstanding violation of their conditional zoning certificate; approved a conditional zoning certificate application from Boyko Trucking Company to operate a Truck Repair Wash (vehicle repair/service station) on the property located at 2920 Brecksville Road provided parliamentary plan approval to expand the existing parking lot located at 3993 Broadview Road onto adjacent property to the north (3982 Broadview Road); conducted a pre-submission conference to discuss rezoning 6.34 acres located off West Streetsboro Road from the current commercial Historic District (CHII) to R-3 Cluster Residential

(see discussion image below); tabled a request for preliminary plan approval to expand the existing patio, modify the mail building entrance, and modify the ground sign located at 3027 Brecksville Road; recommended approval of Council Resolution 35-2021 to Planning Commission from 4/14/21 Council Meeting. This mandatory referral pursuant to Section 9.06 of the VILLAGE Charter releases to an annexation request of approximately 118 acres of land from Richfield Township; set a public hearing related to Council Resolution 40-2021 to Planning Commission from the 4/20/21 Council Meeting. This mandatory referral pursuant to section 9.06 of the Village Charter releases to the rezoning of 3874 and 3871 Broadview Road, 3771 Grant Street and parcel numbers 5001398, 5000551, 5000408 and their current R-2 Single Family Zoning District to the Commercial Historical | Zoning District; set a public hearing related to Ordinance 39-2021 referred from the 4/14/21 council meeting pursuant to Section 9.06 of the Charter and Section 1115.05 of the Planning and Zoning Code. Village Council is requesting Planning Commission's report and recommendation of the Zoning District to be

applied to the approximate 118 acres of land proposed to be annexed from Richfield Township; provided preliminary and final development plan approval for the construction of pumping station on property owned Village of Richfield, and located at 3921 Brecksville Road and approved improvements already made to a historic structure located at 4076 Broadview Road. The improvements made are: new windows, new siding, new roof, new front door, and new gutters. The applicant is also seeking approval to paint the existing house.

The two new Lifepak 15 V4 were out into use this week. The new technology is noticeable from the old ones. Best Buy Warehouse is moving at a rapid pace. The floors are completely poured and it is under roof. We conducted some site inspections on the sprinkler system. They are still saying sometime in July for completion. We have completed our Cancer Screening from University Hospitals. We had police, fire and dispatchers participate. Everyone was very pleased with the screening. I would like to thank University Hospitals for this service. Community Health is still under planning. We are laying out the program and services. We will be teaming up with the police department in providing some additional help to the citizens. We have targeted June 1st for our kick-off date. The runs for the month of April as of Friday morning were as follows: 102 total, Village EMS 75 Fire 15 Township EMS 12 Fire 0.

We had an officer attend training to become a member of the Summit Metro Crash Team. We are participating member of the team and have been for years. The team is called out for service traffic collisions, which we always have a need for. The training and experience obtained will be invaluable and will truly benefit the community. We also had an officer attend an in-depth training to become a (CIT) Officer. CIT is an acronym for Crisis Intervention Team, which is a specialized police curriculum that aims to reduce the risk of serious injury or death during an emergency interaction between persons with mental illness and police officers. CIT has been implemented widely both nationally and internationally. We have several CIT-trained officers on the department and we are working on training several more.

Income tax

April's 2021 receipts came in at \$1,443,283, or 434,557 higher than April's 2020 collection, reflecting a 43.1% increase. As a reminder, the Village is following the state and the IRS in extending the deadline for taxpayers to file and pay individual income tax to May 17, 2021 for tax year 2020.

Buckeye Institute Lawsuit Dismissed by Franklin County

Franklin County Court of Common Pleas dismissed the Buckeye Institute's lawsuit against the city of Columbus, which challenged the constitutionality of Section 29 of HB 197 and ruled that Section 29 is constitutional. This is the temporary provision instructing employers to continue withholding municipal income tax at a taxpayer's place of work, even if the taxpayer is working from home in a different local jurisdiction. The Buckeye Institute indicated that they plan to appeal the ruling to the 10th District Court of Appeals.

Sewer Bills

First quarter sewer bills are due on May 21st. thus billing reflected a 4.7% increase in the overall rate per MCF from \$129.08 to \$ 135.13 due to the 6% rate increase that Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District implemented going from \$100.75 last year to \$106.80 for 2021. The Village's component of the rate remains the same since last year sat \$28.33 per MCF. The Village's rate of \$28.33 has not increased since 2006.

Through April 29, 2021, we have collected \$10,922,942 of the \$30,666,442 budgeted for revenue, or \$35.6% of the budget, slightly above the expected rate of 33.3% through April. On the expenditure side, \$9,445,619 was expended overall by the Village through April 29, or 25.9% of the \$36,519,842 budgeted for expenditures.

OLD BUSINESS:

Feasibility Study Update:

Dr. Domanick announced to council that we are just not going to do it. Mayor Wheeler stated that the cost of 7-10 million was way too much and they shelved it until further notice. Dr. Domanick stated that the plan of the feasibility study was to make sure we did our best for our residence. We had a full basketball lined court to go in at Johnson barn and there is currently \$100,000 in the parks and rec fund. It should be a multipurpose one for pickleball, and other activities. It is already in the budget and at this time it has been tabled. Jason Keppler asked where the court would be going on the Johnson Barn property. Mr. Keppler stated he doesn't believe it would get used a lot without a fence around it. Mr. Hayden stated that there should be one than one court available. Ms. Sullivan stated that the design needs to be thought through, and there should be a cover available. Ms. Toth stated that we need to think about the design and a concept first. Brigitte asked if the park board requested the feasibility study. Mr. Keppler responded with yes. Ms. Sullivan stated that she had thought as a park board they would decide what to do with the feasibility study. After discussing the decision regarding the feasibility study. Mr. Wenger stated that he believes things need to be discussed with the board as a whole before council is even told about it. A resident stated that through the feasibility study things need to be thought-out and discussed before implementing things.

Developments on Eastwood Barn:

No one has returned a quote for the estimate of restoring Eastwood Barn. Ms. Toth said she spoke to Bill Taylor and he is on the save the barn committee and they had some questions about if all the work needed to be done prior to June 30th. Things cannot just be started; they will need to be completed. We are able to put another extension that would go to the end of the year. Denise asked why were we trying to save the barn. Mayor Wheeler said that people within the historical society do not want another building torn down. The barn is in the commercial historic district and there are criteria that does not allow us to tear it down without evaluation.

Tree and landscape report:

Dr. Domanick stated that we have eleven business who paid to beautify our town. We have 15-16 stewards to help maintain these spots. Flowers will be planted in various locations and the stewards will help maintain and water those spots. We have a lot of volunteers; various flowers were bought from Constantine's. Hanging baskets will be also be hung at Brecksville and 303. We passed out 14,000 trees for the tree giveaway during project pride. Chief Swanson collected four large containers of unused medication. Lowe's donated the gloves and trash bags for our volunteers. Through the paper shredding we collected a total of 1781 pounds of paper, and we received 6-8 pallets of recycled electronics.

Village programs:

Ms. Toth stated that summer camp is going forward. Early-bird registration opened April 19th and camp will officially be started June 21st. Summer concerts are going to be moving ahead we have one in June and three in July. Our pavilions are officially opened for rent as of May 1st, and we are waiting for the board to discuss the new rental fees as a whole.

Community day:

Community day is the second Sunday of the month which would be August 8th. Mayor wheeler stated that community day is a Kiwanis event with the help of the parks and recreation board. There will be no parade this year. The annual steak-fry will be August 7th, the time is still being determined and have no yet been finalized.

NEW BUSINESS: Next meeting date on June 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Board goals:

Mr. Keppler made the decision to wait for the entire board to be present before moving forward with the park goals.

AGENDA REQUESTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS Mr. Wenger stated his opinion that the last rate structure we had allowed renters to come in and use the village property and take away a huge amount of money. Mayor Wheeler stated that this new rent pricing is for individual rentals and not for outside programs.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 p.m.

Jason Keppler, Chairperson

Elisabeth Kelly, Secretary

Date: _____