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RICHFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 10, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Eastwood Preserve

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: *Ellen Daniels, Carolyn Sullivan, Teri Moran, Steve Hoffman, Anthony Altobelli*

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: John Piepsny, Parks and Recreation Director, Village Council Representative Pat Norris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No Report

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Mayor Wheeler has drafts of park rules from other communities which he was to distribute for our review. Chairperson Sullivan urged us to update the current reviewed rules once we had a chance to read those that the Mayor was to provide us. Director Piepsny mentioned that he would send out new draft forms of the Village Building rentals with some questions. Secretary Moran will contact Laura Toth to see if she can get an edited draft version of the recent Rules and Regulations revision done by the Park and Rec Board members that will be easier to read and re-edit as needed as well as a refresher course in the format.

OLD BUSINESS: Included in the meeting discussions.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Parks and Recreation Board members found out this month (quite by accident) from Village Council President Sue Ann Phillibar that a special Executive Meeting was held regarding the proposed new Eastwood barn. Only the address of the property was listed in advance of the meeting on the agenda. Therefore, none of the Parks and Rec Board members were aware that this meeting was being held and thus could not attend and/or contribute any input or comments regarding what was discussed at the meeting. On another note, Mrs. Daniels mentioned that we should meet at Babb's Orchard Park for the next meeting to see what is still needed there as a park, i.e., signage, port-o-potty, kiosk, etc.

PARK BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

RJRD Rep & Babb's Orchard Park: Anthony felt that we should meet at Babb's Orchard Park for our next Board meeting as well to discuss what is needed there. As an aside, apparently, the Service department discovered that some of the visitors to the Park were following some less than sanitary practices. A discussion ensued as to the viability of the property across from the park as an Exercise Trail with a possible

underground tunnel connecting that area to Babb's. Anthony attended the recent RJRD meeting. Regarding RJRD, a letter of intent was submitted from the Friends of Crowell Hilaka for a lease of the Kirby house.

Eastwood Preserve: Ellen Daniels mentioned that the Service department had cleaned up around the dock at the catch and release pond in Eastwood Preserve as there were a few complaints in that regard. There has been a lot of activity in the Preserve and the gardens are looking amazing. We did reduce the area of mowing on the walking paths and received some complaints but also some compliments! Ellen distributed a sign that the Metroparks have been using to explain the reason for less mowing and larger fields to provide protection for our pollinators. There was a motion made by Ellen to put signage up about the grass and why we were keeping the mowing limited for the pollinators. The motion was seconded by Teri Moran and all voted in favor. Ellen would like to hold a work session about the design of the barn at Eastwood Preserve. On another note, she mentioned that there haven't been any pictures of the Concerts on the Green in the Richfield Times. Secretary Moran mentioned that former Mayor Bobbi Beshara has attended each concert and has been posting pictures on the Richfield Ohio Residents Facebook page. Secretary Moran also mentioned that she has been posting Parks and Rec events information at the Southern Road kiosk and found that the back board is warped and in need of repair or replacement.

Carter Pedigo Trail: No report.

Richfield Woods Park: The new basketball court has been poured. The next step is waiting for it to cure the requisite days prior to applying paint and sealer. The expected delivery/installation of the new playground equipment is September 18-22nd.

Tree & Landscape Rep & Town Hall: They are on a summer recess.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: No report.


COUNCIL REP REPORT: No report

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

NEXT MEETING: August 7th @ 6:00pm at Richfield Woods Park.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:33 p.m.


Carolyn Sullivan, Chairperson


Teri Moran, Secretary

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