

EP COUNCIL 4/25/2022 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Ms. May, Mr. Povenski, Dr. Rocco, Mr. Runnion, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Walker. Also present was Village Manager Mark McTrusty, Law Director David Powers and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the 4/11/22 Development/Finance Committee and Council meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Runnion. There were no department reports.

AGENDA: EILEEN DRAY BARDON-COLUMBIANA COUNTY PARK BOARD. Ms. Dray-Bardon gave a brief overview of the Columbiana County Park District. The district was established in 1974 and didn't actually have any parks until 1982. The park district was funded very well by the state but was significantly decreased in the early 90's. The district currently has three major and one small parks. The board itself consists of five volunteers that are appointed by probate judge and three paid staff that are all part time. She stated they receive annual revenue of \$25,000.00 (\$15,000.00 of the previous comes from LGF funds) as well as interest from what is one deposit and some gas royalties. Their expenses are around \$70,000.00 per year. She stated they have had a pretty good last ten years (due to a large signing bonus in 2011 from the oil and gas boom) but now they are looking to the future. Their current construction project (taking the Greenway Trail to the Ohio River) comes in at around 1.25 million dollars; they have approximately one million dollars already in grants, and the County Commissioners have helped some with matching funds. There a park district levy on the ballot in 2020 that did fail by a small margin so they want to educate the public and try putting it on again. One of many suggestions from the board is to get some new signage in EP in reference to the location of the trails to bring awareness of the parks to the community. Dr. Rocco stated that the Park District has a lot offer the area and asked what their top priority was. Ms. Bardon stated that would be the bike trail project, taking the trail from Lisbon to the Ohio River. They are also looking into the possibility of "pocket parks" and they have been working with the Land Bank on that project. Dr. Rocco asked if they had donors to which Ms. Bardon said they do. It is a group called "Friends of the Park". Mr. Povenski asked how people find out about the parks and trails, Ms. Bardon said they have a website as well as social media and programs are available. Ms. Bardon also passed out a pamphlet in reference to ticks from the County Health Department.

CLERK: Clerk Misti Martin stated a Planning Commission meeting was scheduled for Thursday May 5 at 7pm at the Municipal Building to hear a request for a replat from Deanne Bowers.

MAYOR: NO REPORT

MANAGER: Manager McTrusty stated PD has completed additional testing/interviews and a conditional job offer has been to and accepted by Millcreek officer Chad Shaffer as well as an offer made to the non OPATA certified candidate; he is currently working on his certifications for dispatch and will be working part time dispatch until he has competed the fall police academy at YSU. Summer positions for Park/Street and ticket booth are filled, we currently have 10 to 14 lifeguards and would a few more than that if possible but are issues finding lifeguards. Paving/culvert project will be available for bidding May 11. Pool painting should begin the end of this week or first of next weather permitting as well as the heat exchanger will be back from upgrading and installed prior to opening. Numbered signs have been installed for disc golf. McTrusty gave a brief overview of the EQ basin project and upcoming projects. Quotes for the two buildings at the plant included in the EQ basin project have increased drastically they are in discussion with the engineers and contractors about how to make the most of what we can do; they may be able to upgrade certain pieces/parts in the screen building to bring it up to where it needs to be as well as be able to put block in the storage building. The Walking Trail project docs will be sent to ODNR for approval and then it will go out to bid. He announced hydrant flushing began this week and will continue until completed. Finally, he stated we are now short one Park Board member and are asking for letters of interest until Friday May 6 at noon. Mr. Simpson asked about time frame for the launch pads for disc golf; McTrusty stated there may have to be two to three different kinds of pads depending on cost and aesthetic. Some will be concrete and he would like to have those in by fall and at a minimum at least have landscape timbers with tamped gravel in the other areas so they are clearly marked.

LAW DIRECTOR: In reference to comments at the last Dev/Finance Committee meeting for VSR about filing notification at the court house Atty. Powers stated he was referring to filing at the recorder's office rather than the auditor's office. Recorder's office documents are effective immediately upon filing which anyone purchasing a property that there is an issue that needs addressed.

STREET: Mr. Walker asked about a timeline for repairs to be made from the recent water breaks, McTrusty stated he would talk to Superintendent Baird and get back with him. Mr. Walker stated that pickleball is becoming popular again and since we have those courts, we could host tournaments. Walker also reminded council that Finance Director Spratt is retiring in the next year and a half; that is going to need addressed as someone needs to shadow her to learn the job.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco congratulated Amanda Smith for becoming the new Park Board President stated Park Board has been discussing a grand opening event for disc golf. She mentioned the need for lifeguards at the pool this summer. She said the Park Board has also been discussing launch pads and maps of the disc golf; she said they are looking for hole sponsors (businesses, families, individuals) with a \$50 to \$75 price range as an initial investment per hole and then a yearly maintenance fee of \$25 to \$50.

There were no Dev/Finance, Utility or Safety Committee reports

VISITORS: W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe, Rick & Karen Gorby, Kent & Darlene Chapman, Eileen Dray-Bardon, Jerry Coblenz, CH McCutcheon, Amanda Smith.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION: Mr. Runnion stated he is going to propose an amendment to Ord 9-2022 to include the blackout dates suggested by Chief Brown which include but are not limited to prom, commencement, Memorial Day, Street Fair, July 4th, Halloween, Snowflake Festival/Christmas parade and all home football games, the motion was seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. May, Mr. Runnion, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Walker voted yes, Dr. Rocco and Mr. Povenski voted no. The motion to amend passed 4 to 2. Ms. May introduced Ord.6-2022 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **An ordinance accepting Concord Dr. and Champagne Court for dedication of public streets.** Ms. May called for a vote on Ord.6-2022. Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y 6 yes to pass. Ms. May introduced Ord.7-2022 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance establishing park rates for 2022 and thereafter.** Ms. May called for a vote on Ord.7-2022. Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y, Ms. May-y. 6 yes to pass. Ms. May introduced amended (to include blackout dates) Ord.9-2022 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. Dr. Rocco-n, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-n, Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-no. Mayor Conaway voted no to break the tie. Ordinance 9-2022 failed. Ms. May introduced Ord. 10-2022 for a second reading and made a motion to be read by title only, seconded by Dr. Rocco. **An ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make supplemental appropriations for the City of East Palestine.** Ms. May introduced amended Res.3-2022 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **A resolution requesting the County Auditor to certify certain tax valuation information in anticipation of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation (One mill).** Ms. May called for a vote on Res.3-2022. Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y, Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y 6 yes to pass. Ms. May introduced amended Res.6-2022 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Runnion. **A resolution requesting the County Auditor to certify certain tax valuation information in anticipation of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation (two mill).** Ms. May called for a vote on Res.6-2022. Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y, Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y. 6 yes to pass.

ADJOURN: Mr. Runnion made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Simpson. All in favor, meeting adjourned.