

Cascade Township Parks Committee
September 20, 2016
Minutes

Article 1. Community Development Director Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
Members Present: Sara Homeyer, Alan Rowland. Others present: Rob Beahan, Sandra Korhorn,

Article 2. Wayfinding in Peace Park

Peterson explained that the Township has been received repeated concerns about people getting lost in Peace Park. Although we have some markers and maps at the park it appears that it is not sufficient. One resident called and offered to assist in the marking of the trails. After some discussion it was agreed that we would add additional markers to the trails.

Beahan offered to work on the project since he had done the original markers. Peterson indicated that he would let those that are calling the office know that we will add some new markers to the trails but that we don't have a timeline until Beahan reports back.

Article 3. Decorative lights in Tassell Park.

Korhorn introduced the idea of using small decorative lights at Tassell Park during the winter to coincide with the lighting of the Museum Garden with the same lights. Discussion ensued about the amount of funding and the benefit to the park. It was agreed that the park would benefit since it is open until 11 pm and that these are only low wattage lights that would not cause a distraction to neighbors. The Parks committee would be willing to fund up to \$5,000 of the project cost. Peterson indicated that he would put the \$5,000 budget request in to the manager for approval during the budget process.

Article 4. Update on Library property project

Korhorn updated the committee on the planning process for the library property. Korhorn indicated that the plan would be presented to the DDA board later in this evening and to the Township Board on Sept 28 for approval.

Korhorn indicated that she had received a very good public response during the public open house and the on-line survey. The plan is the result of that process and seems to be well received. If the Plan is approved, the earliest the DDA would begin work on construction plans would probably be in 2018. Korhorn stated that the early estimates for construction are around \$2,000,000. Funding would most likely come from DDA with some possible private donations.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Minutes recorded by –
Steve Peterson
Community Development Director