



CITY OF FISHERS – PAC MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Parks Advisory Committee
DATE: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM
SCHEDULE: Regular Meeting
LOCATION: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Attendance

PAC Members

- REMOTE: Cindy Davis, Kurt Kluempers, Jessica Dickinson, Brian Catt
- ABSENT: Walter Sharp

Staff

- Sarah Sandquist, Andrea Babb, Megan Schaefer, Andrew Magee

Others Present-See attachment

- 1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:14 pm**
- 2. Approval of the October 2020 PAC Meeting minutes.**

Cindy motioned to approve the October 2020, Kurt Kluempers approved and Cindy Davis second. October 2020 PAC Meeting minutes approved unanimously.

- 3. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda) – no public in attendance.**
- 4. Parks and Recreation Monthly Report – Sarah Sandquist, Director**

Administrative

- Welcome Brian Hull, Makerspace Manager. Brian will start January 11 and is well versed in the Makerspace arena.

Programs/Events

- 2020 was a challenging year for our department and allowed us to think about engagement in different ways. We were very busy in December with a Santa parade running through every neighborhood in the City, holiday craft boxes, and

appreciation activities for long-term care facilities. As we look towards planning for 2021, we plan to offer Summer Concerts, Spark!Fishers, and other signature events. They will look a little different, but we feel confident we can offer opportunities for the community to gather safely.

Park Project Updates

- Geist Waterfront Park Phase 1 is moving along nicely. We are waiting for approval from the County on the proposed entrance location to the park, and construction is scheduled to begin April 1.
- Nickel Plate Trail is paved from North Street to 126th and South Street to 106th street. Bollards and mast arms were recently installed at crossings. Construction on the tunnel at 116th will begin as soon as school is out and 116th will be closed for 60 days.
- Kurt Kluempers was asking about the coordination of the closure for the 131st street closure, the Nickel Plate Trail and the roundabout projects. Sarah stated that we may be able to partner with Delaware Township for parking. Sarah will check with Engineering for all options and follow up with status. Sarah stated that we are still trying to get funding for part of this project.
- Kurt Kluempers was asking Sarah Sandquist about the status of the field status, since they have been down for almost a year. Sarah Sandquist will check with Eric Steiner for status, but she believes that the Fields at Billerica are/were renovated, but not sure if they have corrected the irrigation issue yet. Scott Spillman stated that same.

5. Mudsock Youth Athletics – Scott Spillman

They have been working with DPW on fields and prepping for future sporting events with social distancing measures in place. 566 registrants already. Football and baseball are cyclical, and the numbers are still looking pretty good. Winter registrations were over 7500. They are working with Monica with the Fishers Health Department for health guidance. Kindergarten leagues are getting ready for play. Diana Barry retired from Mudsock Youth Athletics. Her last day was 12/31/20. Send off slated for later this year when it's safe to gather.

6. Discussion and Information - Fishers 2040 Comprehensive Plan update, presented by Andrew Magee, Tony Bagato and Megan Schaefer –

Megan Schaefer, Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning and Andrew Magee with the Planning and Zoning Department. They continue to work with the Parks & Recreation Department. Updates to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Planting and Reforestation updates are as follows –

Future land use and transportation, housing, Parks and open space. Parks and open space will be what Planning and Zoning are focusing on. Focus will be on sustainability, vibrant, safe, accessible, mixed use, collaborative, and quality.

Updated the zoning ordinance which includes tree planting. Includes the ADA Transition Plan, Arts and Culture Plan. Still to do, create awards, wifi at Parks, partnerships. Working on this for next six months.

Jessica Dickinson asked that we identify and note the reasons why certain trees are prohibited. Andrew Magee also suggested adding clarity regarding invasives, undesirables, etc.

Cindy Davis also suggested to indicate who is responsible for what trees, i.e., residential, commercial, City.

Brian Catt also suggested that there be more guidance for developers with planting and long-term care. Andrew Magee stated that Danesa Stolz has and will continue to assist with guidance for the tree planting list and tree planting policy. Andrew Magee and Megan Schaefer will assist with the “why’s”.

Jessica Dickinson suggested that we also have recommendations for trimming trees and tips for residents.

Megan Schaefer went over the updates to the street tree policy from the street/sidewalk to front yards.

Brian Catt stated that some residents may have an issue with trees in the front yards, as opposed to at the curb. Example; no yard space to plant a tree.

Danesa Stolz stated that trees cannot be planted within five feet of utilities. Also stated that there are quite a few trees within communities that are no longer compliant with the new policy.

Megan Schaefer stated that there may need to be some flexibility with the tree planting policy based on land configuration and utilities, etc.

Teresa Amick stated that she is a Britton Falls resident and the trees planted at the curb only takes 10-15 years to impact infrastructure.

Megan Schaefer stated the utilities in the front yards were not considered.

Megan and Andrew both gave high praise and kudos to Danesa Stolz for all of her input and guidance through the years.

7. Discussion and Action

8. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas

9. Adjournment

- Kurt Kleumpers motioned to adjourn. Jessica Dickinson second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Next Meeting: February 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM - **TENTATIVE**

Location: Teams

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Attachment

Attendees:

- Scott Spillman – Mudsock Youth Athletics
- Teresa Amick – Fishers Resident