

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Committee
Village Office, Three South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
June 6, 2022

Attendee List:

Village Officials:

Committee Members:

Traci Sturgill, Village Administrator/Clerk

Lynne Snider – Chair

Dan Williams, Chief of Police

Erica O’Neill – Vice Chair

Kelly Beem, Interim Fiscal Officer

Sterling Krout

Guests:

Jill Anderson

Gina Kaetzel

Kim Billman

Call to Order:

Committee member Sterling Krout called the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting to order on June 6, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken with Committee Chair Lynne Snider (via Zoom), Committee member Sterling Krout and Committee Vice Chair Erica O’Neill (via Zoom) present.

Review/Approval of Parks and Recreation Committee Agenda for June 6, 2022

Committee member Sterling Krout asked for a motion to approve the business agenda for June 6, 2022. A motion was made by Committee Vice Chair Erica O’Neill to approve the agenda and was seconded by Committee Chair Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

Roll Call

Lynne Snider- aye

Sterling Krout- aye

Erica O’Neill- aye

Motion passed 3-0

Review/Approval of the Special Parks and Recreation Committee minutes for May 2, 2022

Committee member Sterling Krout asked for a motion to approve the Special Parks and Recreation Committee meeting for May 2, 2022. A motion was made by Committee Vice Chair Erica O’Neill and was seconded by Committee Chair Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

Roll Call

Erica O’Neill- aye

Sterling Krout- aye

Lynne Snider- aye

Motion passed 3-0

Old Business:

- Playground- Discussion held on the upgrade of the playground: Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised the committee we received the quotes back for the playground with the equipment the committee decided on. She had also passed out copies of the layout of the upgrade. The cost will be right at or under \$200,000 completed. This does include mulch. Right now, we are looking at an install date

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of October if we get on the waitlist now. Committee Chair Lynne Snider confirmed this was all coming out of the Shelly donation funds. Traci confirmed yes and the decision this committee needs to make tonight is whether to move this onto to the Finance department for a vote and then they decide if it moves onto council for a full vote. Committee Chair Lynne Snider advised she would like to move it on to council but asked what the other 2 committee members would like to do? Committee Vice Chair Erica O'Neill agreed with Lynne and would like to get the process moving asap. Committee member Sterling Krout advised he would like to wait. Lynne asked Sterling what his reason on waiting are? Sterling stated he definitely knows the benefit of the playground but being on Parks & Recreation, his primary focus right now is figuring out the pool. He added we have a lot of unanswered questions before we're ready to spend \$200,000 on playground equipment but he feels we need to wait on the answers to the pool. He isn't at all against the park, he loves the park, but his focus is first on the pool. He isn't comfortable sacrificing a pool for a playground if the quotes come back and we need this \$200,000 for the repair of the pool. He feels as a Village the pool has to come first. Committee Vice Chair Erica O'Neill feels we need a playground as much as we need a pool. Sterling disagrees and feels the pool acts as more of a service to the community then the playground does. Committee Chair Lynne Snider does see it both ways. Sterling feels whatever happens with the pool will fall on this committees' shoulders with the community. Lynne asked how much we allocated for the pool repairs. Traci advised \$400,000 (Shelly donation), \$10,000 (already appropriated in the Letherman fund), funds left over from the first \$200,000 (Shelly donation) appropriated for the misc. upgrades (roof, curbs, sidewalk etc.) and Melissa had advised them the Letherman Investment could also be used, if needed. Lynne would like to have a Special Parks & Recreation Committee meeting with the community in attendance to get their feel on what residents would want. Traci feels that is a good idea. Lynne feels we could hand something out when Cory reads the water meters. The pool has always been her first love and she isn't saying it still isn't, but as we've always been told, not every person uses the pool but they still pay the parks and rec money. She's heard this time and time again from the community. They feel we put all our money into the pool but no place else. She feels this is a good point. Erica agrees. Lynne added she would really like to see it go to Finance and put it out there.

Committee Vice Chair Erica O'Neill made a **motion** to move the playground upgrades to the Finance committee tonight. **Motion** seconded by Committee Chair Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with 2 committee members voting aye and 1 committee member voting no.

Roll Call

Erica O'Neill- aye

Sterling Krout- no

Lynne Snider- aye

Motion passed 2-1

- Pool- Discussion held on the upgrades to the pool: Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised the committee she heard back from Doug Pershon from Buckeye Aquatics today with an update on the engineers out of Indianapolis. They going to get us scheduled for an assessment. We aren't sure how quickly they can fit us in or what the cost will be yet. When they do come, we will have to cut a 3'-5' square section out of the deck of the pool for the assessment of the walls. It is the only way they can see behind the walls for erosion or separating. We will then need to replace the concrete. We will need to shut down to do this. The water will also have to be lowered to see the control joints. No companies will quote or continue quoting us

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on the upgrades and/or repairs to the pool until we have this assessment completed to know what all could possibly need repaired. Lynne feels the 12' area needs looked at also. Lynne asked if we have ruled out trying to apply the epoxy to the place cutting the kids feet. Traci advised Doug is telling her there are too many areas throughout the pool to put that much epoxy down. It isn't just in spots. Erica stated our attendance is down. Traci added yes, we are only getting around 12, if that. Lynne said Kass had 3 membership refund requests and 3 pool parties. Traci said we have had around 7 membership refund requests that she is aware of. Sterling said maybe when they come out for the assessment, we drain the pool and apply the epoxy but Traci says Doug is saying there is way too much repairs to apply that too. Traci advised Travis & Jason grinded down the areas that were sharp and lifted prior to touching up the paint. Doug says it has worsened once water & chemicals were in. We also have the issue of the kids picking at the paint chipping. Doug also advised her he has never seen a pool deteriorate this quickly in one season. Lynne really wants to know how much the inspector is going to cost us because he won't be cheap. Sterling advised no questions can get answered until we figure out how much all of this is. We pay for it, we figure it out. We use the funds from the donation. Committee Chair Lynne Snider said she has already heard some rumblings in the community about how we're wasting all the donation funds and something about \$200,000 was going somewhere. She isn't sure what that was? Administrator Traci Sturgill advised we haven't even spent the Shelly donation funds yet. The \$200,000 they are referring too is what you appropriated to the playground upgrades. Lynne doesn't think that is what they are talking about. Traci stated there is nothing else for \$200,000. Committee Vice Chair Erica O'Neill advised Lynne she may want to inform whoever it is, that is what it is for. Traci advised the only Shelly donation funds we have spent so far is around \$50,000 on the office roof, back door and park bleachers. Lynne thinks it was the sidewalk to Circle K. Traci added that is only \$49,500 not \$200,000. It hasn't been spent but was passed by Council to complete with the donation. Traci added that residents who are complaining need to be advised to attend the monthly council meetings so they will be aware of exactly what Council is working on, where they also can voice their concerns/opinions. Lynne had questions on zoom meetings and people talking. Traci explained in committees only those councilmembers on the committee can talk. At a regular council meeting all council members can talk openly and citizens can either request to be on the agenda or speak during citizen comments with a 5-minute time limit. They can also do the same during the Zoom meeting. Zoom meetings are ending this month so we will all be back in person for July.

Administrator Traci Sturgill will call a Special Council meeting once we have the amount the engineer will be charging to come out for the pool assessment. Lynne asked if any council member could call a special council meeting? Traci advised yes, absolutely. It does have to follow the 24-hour posting rule.

New Business:

➤ Diamond 1 restrooms- Discussion held: Administrator Traci Sturgill advised the committee she has received a couple complaints in regards to the restrooms at the ballfield with their only being shower curtains as doors. Lynne advised it has been like that for 10+ years. Traci asked if the committee was interested in looking at installing partitions for safety? Lynne said TYRA is the only one who utilizes them and we don't unlock them for any other reason. She is against spending the money to put them in. Traci added the cost is around \$4,000. Sterling asked if TYRA provides the materials, can the Village fix it? Lynne feels you can actually see the kids better with the shower curtains vs the partitions for safety. She does see the reason for privacy with the partitions also. Sterling feels we should have a discussion with TYRA. Lynne said maybe someone could make wooden doors.

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- Re-staining/re-painting diamond 2 bleachers- Committee member Sterling Krout spoke with Jason Kidd and said what a great job he is doing replacing the boards on the current bleacher sets we are keeping. Sterling is volunteering to go get the material to apply Thompson's water seal and stain (red or gray) if the Village will be willing to purchase the materials to do so. It was decided to set a budget of \$600 for the project from the Parks & Recreation fund.

Committee member Sterling Krout made a **motion** to move to the finance committee the project to stain and paint the bleachers with budget of \$600 from the Parks & Recreation fund. **Motion** seconded by Committee Chair Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

Roll Call

Erica O'Neill- aye
Lynne Snider- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Motion passed 3-0

Adjournment:

With no further business, Committee member Sterling Krout made a **motion** to adjourn was seconded by Committee Chair Lynne Snider. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye

Erica O'Neill- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Lynne Snider - aye
Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.



Lynne Snider, Committee Chair



Traci Sturgill, Clerk of Council