



Work Session

Saturday, February 13, 2016

*(Meeting Held at the Village of Richfield Town
Hall, Council Chambers)*

WORK SESSION MEETING

Call to Order:

The Work Session of the RJRD Board of Trustees was “Called to Order” at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Mr. Cugini. Roll Call was taken by RJRD Administrator.

In Attendance:

Mr. Bob Becker *(Arrived at 10:10 a.m.)*

Ms. Kelly Clark

Mr. Dominic Cugini

Mr. Rich Fleming

Mr. Ralph Mc Nerney

Mr. Pat Norris

Mr. Bill Taylor

Mr. Jeff Kerr, Environmental Design Group Master Planner

Ms. Kristen Horine, Environmental Design Group, Landscape Designer

Mr. Bill Hanna, Legal Counsel

Mr. Keith Shy, Capital/Public Improvements Consultant/Manager

Mrs. Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrator

Also in Attendance:

Ms. Sandy Norris

Mr. Mike Lyons

Ms. Judy Soroczak

Discussion Topic:

Discussion regarding the results from the Public Forum and Expectations for the Development of the Draft master Plan Development:

Jeff Kerr

Jeff Kerr facilitated the roundtable discussion gathering thoughts, impressions and input from the Board.

Each Trustee provided input from their discussions with the public after Jeff Kerr's collection of input. The following were the impressions and thoughts shared.

KC: Issues brought to her attention were security, vandalism, camping and weddings.

BT: Nothing major. Good to see immediate results. Was surprised and encouraged regarding the public's view of an operating tax increase.

PN: Positive feedback regarding the Interfaith Council fitness trail. Residents expressed that Gund Hall be open the same hours as the park: dawn to dusk

BB: More Village residents than Township residents. Demographics were high on fifty-five plus group. The input was "on track" with what every has already known, no new information was gleaned.

RF: Comments regarding increase of tax was a surprise. Township is supportive.

RM: The process went very well.

DC: Turnout was great for a snowy Thursday evening. People are focuses and watching the board closely. Better restrooms are needed. Trail improvements are needed. No alcohol. The Interfaith Fitness Trail will have to wait until the master plan is completed; may have to communicate that with Rev. King so the group can make a decision if they want to wait for RJRD or work with the VOR.

JK: Spoke with the BWU professor, Chris Stanton, who was excited because of the existing fence. Restrooms are needed. No after dark activities and no alcohol.

Jeff Kerr distributed the reports and information from the public forum and led a discussion regarding the results. The following are the comments.

JK: A swimming pool was ranked 14 and he heard many people expressing the "want" for a pool and suggested that if the Board wanted to pursue it should be something under a separate bond and operation levy. Operational expense is approximately \$15K monthly and a minimum of \$750K to repair and update. There are a number of liability issues.

BT: The lake provides a number of water activities that also includes swimming.

JK: Requested direction from the Board as to how to proceed with the input received and improvements. The approach for the master plan would include vision and direction for 10 years [end of life of the operation levy] and a 24-month plan to utilize the capital fund and IRS requirements.

PN: Concurred and stated that this approach makes sense.

JK: The number one use was "passive trails."

DC: "To the core" uses need to be addressed: cover the passive needs, trails and signage and then prioritize the rest.

BT: The master plan should start with the basics, dams and trails with an "eye to the future" and not negatively impact the operations levy. Life cycle costs need to be included.

KS: Suggested that the Trustees consider the property as a "blank slate, brand new property, ground zero" in order to build it the right way the first time and with the best quality. Encouraged the Trustees from viewing the existing structures, property and trails as the road map for the master plan. Build it from the resident's input.

Board: Accessible trails for all people was important.

RM: Suggested a trail from Gund Hall to North. The following were critical items to address; trails, sewage system, restrooms, signs, names, dams, lakes, parking lots and the roads.

BB: Forestry management was the number one priority before anything else.

RF: Number 1 is safety and then timbering since it is contrary to the RJRD mission. The timbering should be done naturally.

DC: Requested that the master plan have the WWTP include levels: level 1 porta potties, level 2 WWTP and so on.

BB: The existing vault latrines are no good and should be removed.

KC: Requested that the master plan include Equestrian Trail and BTA trail with connectivity. The priority should be to triage the buildings because to mothball takes a certain level of heat and electricity.

BB: Stated that this can't be done due to chance of fire.

JK: Requested the board determine the priority buildings: #1 Gund, #2 Kirby Mill and #3 Kirby House. The house will be the hardest to bring up to compliance to commercial building standards. The Trustees added to the list: North, Coach, Caretaker House, Maintenance Garage,

Garfield, Amity, Chagrin, Gemini and the Summer Barn. A complete code assessment is required before any WWTP assessment and plan can be developed. Approximately 10-15% maintenance from the operating fund per building is required to keep all of the buildings.

BB: Stated that the commercial code issues specifically to Kirby House were not extensive and not difficult to achieve.

KS: Another infrastructure item is the parking and the driveway and the requirement to address water run-off especially since the property is part of the Rocky River Watershed. Strongly encouraged the Trustees to consider viewing the property and the master plan as a clean slate; the residents bought the property for the land.

BB: Requested that camping be included in the master plan. There are a number of areas for primitive and Adirondack camping. The footprints are still in place. Personally pursuing WiFi and infrastructure for landlines.

RM: Fitness course is low maintenance.

JK: Will draft a plan and there will be further discussion prior to the revealing to public.

KS: "Don't let the people down and build upon the success so far, people want simple, little things.

PN: Simple expectations to exceed.

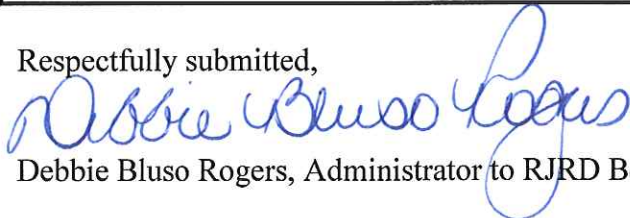
Adjournment:

MOTION made by Mr. Cugini and seconded by Ms. Clark to adjourn at 11:24 a.m.


DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED: Mr. Becker (Yea) Ms. Clark (Yea), Mr. Cugini (Yea), Mr. Fleming (Yea), Mr. McNerney (Yea), Mr. Norris (Yea), and Mr. Taylor (Yea)


Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Bluso Rogers, Administrator to RJRD Board



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Chairperson



Richfield Joint Recreation District,
Secretary