



RICHFIELD
Joint Recreation District
Special Meeting with Work Session
April 1, 2022

Call to Order: The Board met in person at Park Office at Richfield Heritage Preserve. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Anita Gantner, Board Chairperson.

Roll Call: Sandy Apidone, Anita Gantner, Jeff DeLuca, Maureen McGinty, Michael Selig, and Dave Wehner

Excused Absence: Mark Robeson

Also in Attendance: Administrative Coordinator Polly Wheeler

Work Session

Ms. Gantner introduced the possibility of a joint Park Director position with the Village of Richfield. Discussion followed regarding some of the details and the possible pros and cons of such an arrangement.

The board determined that they would like to explore the possibility of a joint position. Ms. Gantner will contact the Mayor to ask for an MOU to begin the process. The board would like to compile a list of questions and expectations and then meet with the Mayor and Village Council.

Special Meeting

Old Business:

Ms. Gantner reported on the status of the request by American Tower Company (ATC) for a new cell tower contract. She stated that the law director advised the board to ignore ATC's request for a new contract. The representative company, MD7, is an aggressive company hired by cell tower companies to reduce rates in contracts.

Ms. Gantner will call MD7 to say that the board does not want to renegotiate the contract but would rather keep it as it currently is. As it stands the agreement automatically renews for quite a few years.

Mr. DeLuca reported that there has been recent activity around the tower. New gravel has been laid and the gate has been open frequently. If space is rented on the tower, the board should see an increase in the fees paid by ATC.

Announcements

Ms. Gantner and Mr. DeLuca met with Richfield Township Trustee Don Laubacher and Township Administrator Mindy Lott. The Township trustees want to purchase the parks' brush chipper from RJRD at a cost of \$20,000. The chipper was purchased several years ago for \$27,000, but the park does not currently have a vehicle that is equipped to pull it. The Township has been performing brush chipping at the Park's request and would continue to do so. This would be one reason not to sell it on the open market. A resolution can be created to accomplish this sale.

A brief discussion of a water tank at Rising Valley and the truck that would be needed to carry it followed. The premise is that this could be used to hose down the latrines. Mr. DeLuca stated that there is also a 500 gallon water tank in the winter barn.

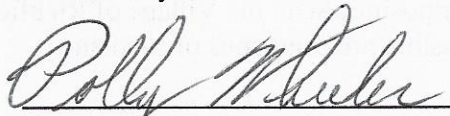
Ms. Gantner announced that the March invoice from Lodge event coordinator Shari Green has been received. Another discussion followed regarding the fees currently paid to Shari, involving when she gets her full fee for each event. Shari is valuable to the board and to the Lodge, and on current practices were established by former park director David Green to pay Shari's fees for each event following the payment of deposits for events. The board chose not to make a change at this point.

Adjournment:

MOTION by: Ms. McGinty and seconded by Mr. Wehner to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

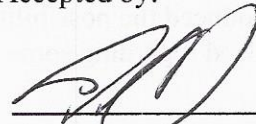
MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice, which was unanimous

Submitted by:



Polly Wheeler, Administrative
Coordinator

Accepted by:



Anita Gantner, Board Chairperson