



Regular Meeting with Work Session September 25, 2023

Call to Order: The Board met in person in Council chambers at Richfield Village Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Anita Gantner, Board Chair.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Anita Gantner, Mike Lyons, Steve McPeake, Holly Price, Mark Robeson, Mike Selig
Excused: Dave Wehner

Also in Attendance: Park Director John Piepsny, Township Trustee Don Laubacher, Village Council representative Sue Ann Philippbar, Administrative Coordinator Polly Wheeler, and approximately 13 other attendees.

Work Session

Structure Champion Program

Ms. Gantner opened a discussion of the Structure Champion Program.

- 1) Co-champion section
 - a) 5 structures will be removed from the list. They are not in need of a co-champion.
 - b) There will be one list with all structures listed in black.
- 2) End dates
 - a) Final dates for the program will be removed.
 - b) In point 4, add 70% funding required by the end of 5 years. Remove requirement that stabilization efforts must end. Ms. Price mentioned that there is a typo in point 3c.
 - c) Mr. McPeake suggested that the deadline for LOI's (letters of intent) be removed. Mr. Selig concurred.
 - d) A discussion followed of the requirement for LOI approval before moving on to the full champion application.
- 3) Full champion application
 - a) Remove deadline date at the end to submit the application.
 - b) Allow 1 month for board to review application, so require application be submitted 1 month, not 1 week, before board meeting where it is to be considered.
 - c) Leave the 6 month deadline after the LOI for the full application.
- 4) Ms. Gantner will revise the program documents into their final version, then send the redline and clean copies to the board. Board can review and expect to approve at the next meeting.

Comments from the floor

Sandy Norris (3991 Humphrey Rd) asked what was shared about the champion program at the park open house. Ms. Gantner answered regarding the champion program book, the pictures on the "Accomplishments" board, and other information that was shared with visitors.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of August 28, 2023 regular meeting were approved as written.

Minutes of July 24, 2023 regular meeting were approved as written.

Standing Committee Reports

Governance: Mr. Lyons stated that he did not get the revised bylaws out by 30 days before the October meeting. He will make sure they are out in time for consideration at the November meeting.

Grants & Fundraising: Mr. Selig stated that the committee had a meeting just prior to this one. The state capital bill is coming up. The committee will be requesting funds from this fund with a presentation to the district's state representatives.

The NatureWorks grant results should be available soon.

The committee is looking at two ODNR trails grants.

The committee is planning to apply for a Paddling Enhancement grant. Mr. Robeson has agreed to take the lead on this project. During the meeting the committee walked to the boat house to assess its condition.

Administration Report:

1) Mr. Piepsny showed a video presentation for his quarterly report.

School groups and corporate groups, including CESO, Cohen & Co., and National Interstate Insurance volunteered on projects in the park.

There are new park maps in the kiosks.

The first summer camp was held in the park this summer.

A lot of cleanup was required due to the summer storms.

Richfield Library story hour held in the park was very popular.

The first Waterfront Music Fest was held in August.

Amity House is undergoing restoration. The Friends of RHP volunteers have performed a tremendous amount of work on the baths, flooring windowsills, and kitchen.

Oviatt House volunteers have replaced siding, paint, and windows on the Oviatt house.

The summer barn roof was replaced with funds raised by the Ohio Horseman's Council and looks great.

2) Bridge inspections are needed. They are supposed to be inspected every year but have not been since 2016. Mr. Piepsny is arranging for a quote on the cost of the inspections.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Wehner was excused, so there was no treasurer's report.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ms. Gantner stated that the county requires the tax rates rates be approved.

MOTION by: Mr. Lyons and seconded by Mr. McPeake to approve Resolution 15-2023: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

DISCUSSION: None further.

MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by roll call: Ms. Gantner (yea); Mr. Lyons (yea); Mr. McPeake (yea); Ms. Price (yea); Mr. Robeson (yea), Mr. Selig (yea).

Announcements:

The next regular board meeting will be held on October 23, 2023.

The annual Trick or Treat on the Trail and Spooky Tales event will be held on October 22 from 1-4pm. This event is held in conjunction with the Village of Richfield Parks & Recreation Department.

Comments from the Floor:

Corey Ringle (3613 Hawthorne) offered a handout detailing the progress at Amity House. She stated that the Friends volunteers want an extension from the November timeline due to delays and additions to the scope of the project.

Ms. Ringle said that she is working with Mr. Piepsny on the code review for an occupancy permit. She needs to know the best avenue to present questions to the board. Ms. Ringle also asked if a structural review is needed, since that depends on how the building will be used. It was suggested that Ms. Ringle work directly with Mr. Piepsny, who will bring any issues to the board as needed.

Ms. Gantner thanked the Friends for the work done. Ms. Ringle thanked Mr. Piepsny and the board for the opportunity to restore Amity House.

Lynn Richardson (100 Wandle Ave, Bedford) thanked Ms. Gantner for revisions to the volunteer guidebook. Ms. Gantner replied that the final copy will be sent the next morning.

Action items:

Executive session is cancelled.


Adjournment:

MOTION by: Mr. McPeake moved, seconded by Mr. Selig, to adjourn the meeting.

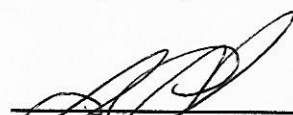
MOTION PASSED: Vote taken by voice, which was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by:


Polly Wheeler, Administrative Coordinator

Accepted by:


Anita Gantner, Board Chairperson