

Minutes of the Sycamore Township Parks Advisory Committee Meeting October 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present for the Meeting were Chairman Jason Petty, Lisa Bass Hodge, J.T. Riley, Kathy Kugler, Tina Early, and J. Janus, Jr. Not present for the meeting was Mr. Stanley who gave notice of his absence.

Tony Lange with the Queen City Food Truck Association was also present to give a presentation to the committee.

Review of Past Meeting Minutes

The September minutes were discussed. Mr. Janus asked that the names of the committee members voting on motions be noted in the minutes. He also asked that Mr. Petty remove the end time of the meeting from the agenda document. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Janus made a motion to have those two items changed. Ms. Kugler seconded the motion and it passed four to one with Mr. Janus, Ms. Kugler, Mr. Riley, and Ms. Hodge voting in favor, and Ms. Early opposed.

Mr. Petty asked if the committee was prepared to accept the September minutes. Ms. Kugler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Early, to accept the September minutes. Vote: All yes.

Food Truck Event

Mr. Lange, of the Queen City Food Truck Association, gave a description of a food truck event. Mr. Lange explained to the committee that he anticipates 20 to 22 trucks would be present for the event. The event would start at 11:00 a.m. and conclude at 10:00 p.m. Mr. Riley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Early, to present the idea to the Trustees. Vote: All yes.

Top Two Park Ideas

Each committee member brought two ideas that they would like to present to the Trustees. Ms. Hodge suggested tennis courts that double as pickle ball courts, and an amphitheater for concerts and other activities. Ms. Early suggested the food truck event and an event planned for kids. Mr. Janus suggested the food truck event as well. Ms. Kugler suggested paving the nature trail at Bechtold park and looking into the possibility of bringing on an intern to help with park related business. Mr. Riley suggested having a permanent stage for concerts and a barrier or enclosed play area for toddlers.

The committee grouped the ideas into two categories: long-term and short-term. The long-term ideas are an amphitheater, tennis and pickleball, a paved nature path at Bechtold Park, and an intern for the parks. The short-term ideas the committee hopes to focus on for next year include the food truck event and a barrier between the two- to five-year-old playground and

Plainfield Road. Mr. Petty told the committee he would present those ideas to the Trustees at the next meeting and ask for their guidance and direction.

Committee Member Term Limits

Mr. Petty informed the committee that there were two people who applied for the upcoming vacant committee seat. Mr. Petty said he would be interviewing the applicants at the end of November when the submission for applications has closed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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