

Minutes of Recreation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
Town Hall

Present:

Recreation Committee: Larry Chapman, Jeff Link and members of the Board Janet Winkler and Rick Shew

Recreation Advisory Board: David Seagle, Jerry Triplett

Staff: Recreation Director, Chuck Raby and Town Manager, Rebecca M Bentley

Chapman called the meeting to order.

Chuck discussed the PARTF Grant of \$445,160 effective 12/1/2019 to 11/30/2022. This is a 50% reimbursement grant with a local match of \$222,580. (See Attached) Chuck discussed upcoming Recreation Committee meeting dates and the need to meet on a regular basis to review the progress of the grant activities as well as the fund raising progress.

The group will meet on a monthly basis. Barry Mitchell was not at the meeting, so the future meeting dates will be set at the next meeting.

The group also discussed the need to recruit some additional recreation advisory members since Bart Severt and Doug Main can no longer attend. Chuck will look into some possible people who would be willing to serve in that capacity.

He reviewed the donation letter, naming rights, pledge form and donors to date. (see Attached) He also reviewed the plans for the brick concourse to be installed at the Optimist Park during the redevelopment. It is called the Hudson Athletic Walk of Fame. (see attached). He already has donors who have purchased bricks for people who played, coached, cheered, etc. at the Optimist Park over the past 60 years. The purchase price of the engraved brick is \$100. To date \$3,700 of bricks are purchased. Chuck discussed the possibility of a \$100 fundraising dinner to be held on August 21, 2020.

Chuck reviewed a proposed time line for planning, demolition, and construction over the three years of the project. Rebecca and Chuck met this week with Allen Stewart, retired architect, who has very graciously agreed to design the concession stand/restrooms/storage/press box building. Chuck relayed the idea for the building which we proposed in the grant would be a ground level (Basement) storage area, a concession stand and restrooms above that which due to the topography would be ground level and a second level above the concession stand for the press box. Allen will work on the design and bring us something to review within the next few weeks. Once we get a plan this will be the plan we send out for bid so that every contractor is bidding on the same design.

Much discussion was had concerning the challenges of this PARTF project.

The next meeting will be February 3, 2020 at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Jeff made the motion to adjourn and Larry seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

