

Minutes of Recreation Committee Meeting  
Monday, September 14, 2020  
Hudson Town Hall

Present:

**Recreation Committee:** Larry Chapman, Jeff Link, Barry Mitchell

**Recreation Advisory Board:** Shirley Kiziah, Tommy Price, Jerry Triplett, Melanie McRae, Mark Gragg,  
**Steve Minton, David Seagle**

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

**Guest:** Jonathan Greer, Hudson Commissioner

- Chapman called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.
- Chuck reviewed the fundraising. Thanked Tommy Price and Janet Winkler for being instrumental in getting a \$30,000 donation from AJ Jonas. Mr. Jonas declined naming rights. Thanked Jerry Triplett for assisting with getting \$1,000 donation from Cars Plus. To date about 51 bricks have been sold. Still available for naming rights are:
  - Complex
  - Field House
  - (2) fields
  - (2) dugout spaces
  - Kids' playground
- Chuck reviewed the timeline for the redevelopment of Optimist Park in view of the delay caused by the COVID19 pandemic. The original timeline would have had the demolition and construction of concession stand/bathrooms from August 2020 until February 2021. Site development and demolition require cutting the power to the fields. Alan Stewart, Architect, is experiencing some health problems and could not be at the meeting. He did, however, call Town Manager Bentley and express his desire to continue providing the design service. He thinks he will be able to finish the plans, get them printed, and go on with the project soon. Chuck reported the concession stand is empty except for the COKE owned equipment and the ice machine. The end wall of the building needs to be demoed so the Optimist members can more easily access the ice machine. Once that is done the machine will be moved to storage. Chuck reported that public works would be utilized to remove the demolition material saving the Town some money. But, public works will need to get that done before leaf season in November. Seagle reported that site development could be done simultaneously with building construction but we may need some temporary fencing for security reasons.
- After much discussion Larry Chapman suggested we go ahead and get the plans from Alan. Proceed with zoning and stormwater permit applications. Demolition should be begin immediately utilizing David Seagle and public works. Shirley Kiziah made that as a motion, seconded by Jerry Triplett, passed unanimously.
- Adjourned at 6:50. The next meeting date was not set.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebecca M. Bentley