

Avon Parks, Recreation and Beautification Council
June 1, 2016

Avon Town Hall Council Chamber
6570 East US Highway 36, Avon, Indiana 46123

1. **Call to Order** was given by the Council President, Charlotte Martin
2. **Roll Call** was taken by Park Programmer and Event Coordinator, Terri Fisher. Council members present were Charlotte Martin, Pat Tutsie, Tim Calahan, and Bill Reed
3. **Public Comment**
 - a. No one came forward for comment.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Minutes from the April 4 meeting were approved.
5. **Staff Updates**
 - a. Story Walk event will be hosted with Avon Public Library June 11th. PRBC members are encouraged, but not needed, to volunteer.
 - b. Stargazing event will be held June 17th at Town Hall Park. No volunteers needed.
 - c. Farmers Market
 - i. About 40 confirmed vendors, plus 10 on the wait list.
 - ii. There will be a rotating food truck each Tuesday.
 - iii. PRBC members have been signing up on volunteerspot.com. A paper sign-up sheet was passed around.
 - d. Balloon Glow, June 25th
 - i. Tether ride tickets are selling slowly. A press release will go out soon.
 - ii. If tether ride tickets do not sell out, tickets will be sold at the door.
 - iii. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around.
 - e. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around for the Fun Run at Town Hall Park on July 20th.
 - f. The Bicentennial Torch Relay will pass through Town Hall Park on September 23rd. More information to come at August council meeting.
 - g. RIF Update
 - i. It has been four years since the last RIF update. Ryan hoping to be able to adopt new RIF in March 2017. Proposal to update will start in June 2016.
 - h. Bicentennial Trail
 - i. Design has been completed. To preserve existing tree line, offer made to farmer to purchase 50 foot easement. Farmer wants a 75 foot easement at almost double the price. Charlotte made a motion that the PRBC recommend to the Town Council that that the Bicentennial Trail building continue, despite increased expense. Motion was approved by PRBC. Ryan says Bicentennial Trail is on track to be completed on time.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Park Land purchase Update and Discussion
 - i. Burnett Property has been appraised at \$280,000. Do we want to buy? PRBC and Town Council may have a work session to discuss and decide.
 - ii. During the Huff Property appraisal process, Ryan was notified that a parcel of the property had a pending sale. It is not yet clear which parcel has been sold.

Charlotte asked how we can push through our purchase. Ryan advised to wait and see how the pending sale progresses. Will continue appraisal process and call additional meeting if needed.

- iii. Harvest Ridge common area donation has been accepted by Town Council. Phase I environmental study and deed transfer in process.
- iv. X property potentially being donated to Town of Avon. Initially offered to Avon Soccer Association (ASA), but they have not moved on it. Town must have access to property to accept donation. Ryan talked to ASA about purchasing an easement, but the ASA may be planning to accept donation. Ryan is continuing to pursue. Perhaps Mark Sanders will provide an easement?
- v. PRBC asked Ryan what acquisitions are feasible. Ryan would like to pursue Sycamore School land, but waiting for ROW to go through. Avon Baptist Church asking for 50K/acre, which is likely to be more than the appraisal value. Ryan would like to pursue ASA acquisition.
- vi. PRBC considered submitting a new list of recommended purchases to the Town Council, but agreed to wait until the August meeting.

7. New Business

a. 2017 Budget

- i. Ryan will submit to Town Council on June 27.
- ii. Budget priorities discussed include: land acquisition; consolidation of parks services; continued trail building; Town Hall Park improvements, including shelter/drinking fountain at North end; restoring barn; continuing Blue Star landscaping; landscaping at future roundabout on 900
- iii. Ryan advised council that trail planning and building may take up large share of 2017 budget

8. **Adjournment**

- a. A motion was made to adjourn.