

Meeting Minutes
Avon Parks, Recreation and Beautification Council (PRBC)

Meeting Date: April 1, 2015

Meeting Location: Town Hall Council Chamber, 6570 E. US 36, Avon, IN 46123

7:08 PM Roll Call by Ryan Cannon. Present were Charlotte Martin, Bill Reed, Pat Tutsie, Tim Calahan, Mike Zonder, Steve Eisenbarth, Bill Reed. Also present were Marcus Turner (Town Council President), Aaron Tevebaugh (Town Council Representative) and Terri Fisher (Town Park Programmer & Event Coordinator). Council member Steve Schaecher sent his regrets.

Public Comment: none

Charlotte provided Hendricks County Flyer November 26, 2014 article titled *Indianapolis Airport to sell off Acreage* and a Wellness Magazine article that is positioned to Hendricks County. A scanned image of items provided tonight are in a PDF attached to these minutes.

Reviewed February Minutes and approved with minor corrections. Minutes were signed by Charlotte and Steve E and submitted to Ryan for the record. There was no meeting in March due to no pressing issues to review.

Old Business: **Ronald Reagan Parkway Wildflowers:** Ryan reported that a seed spec is being created in cooperation with the County. The higher initial price of the seed was a concern with the Williams Creek representation and Ryan is discussing with them the lower life cycle costs (due to low/no maintenance). Placement may be in the median and / or on the side slopes (such as is the case on the US 36 area).

Park Land Purchase: The Town is wanting strategic purchases so as to have multi-use of properties. Ryan recommended feedback be provided to the Town Council and then staff will have a work session with the Town Council in April to prepared for property owner discussions. Ryan then reported the Town's financial review resulted with an estimated \$600K possibly available for land if phased in annually at \$200K per year. This assessment was based on an assumed average value per acre of \$10K. Any shortage of funds can and should be viewed as opportunity for creative financing with partners, such as the Schools or others. He also mentioned that purchases need to keep in mind that any improvements would need to be in the form of a bond, which is not desired due to the debt obligation. Discussion then went to reasoning of ranking the properties. The Carter (79 AC) and the Falcon (104 AC) properties were determined to be

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expensive based on the high acreage (since at \$10k per acre, high acreage properties very expensive considerations). We then discussed, reviewed and revised ranking of our prior top recommendations forwarded to the Town Council. Please find attached the Park Land Opportunities spreadsheet with hand written comments reflecting tonight's discussions. The electronic document is labeled *PRBC 4-1-15 Mtg Minutes Attachment 1 of 2*. Pat presented environmental concern with recent open burning at the Cole property. Ryan indicated he will check into the concern. Pat made a motion and Bill seconded the motion to recommend to the Town Council the following ranking:

1. Burnett Woods, CR 100S: 1.83 AC , \$117,500 AV
2. 300S & Vestal Rd – Cole: 35 AC , \$242,400 AV
3. North of Sycamore Elem.: 55.47 AC , Unknown AV
4. WCCD, Both Sides of Crk. 100S: 79.03 AC, \$1,894,400 AV
5. Freeman Property, CR525E: 33.5 AC, \$42,500 AV

The motion passed unopposed. PRBC comments are on the attached spreadsheet.

The park recreation impact fee use and priority of use was then discussed.

New Business:

Tree Sale Program: Terri and Sam have worked with logistics and marketing to get the word out in the community to promote. Ryan reported that tree farms have decreased some sizes and quantities to cause a rise in prices that are anticipated to continue through year 2018. Terri promoted through HOAs and Facebook. A press release will be presented to the Hendricks County Flyer for consideration of free publicity. Arbor Day is April 24th will be held at Maple School at 9:30 AM. Terri invited board members to participate.

2015 Meeting Schedule: Ryan asked if the board would be open to meeting every other month (rather than monthly). All agreed with the reduced meetings which will be June 3rd, September 2nd, November 4th and then additional months as needed. Steve made the motion, Pat seconded and motion passed unopposed.

200 Steel Sculpture: Randy Flake's artist rendering was presented and staff asked for options on where to place the

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sculpture. The concept may be found in the attachment labeled *PRBC 4-1-15 Mtg Minutes Attachment 2 of 2*. Discussion went to the iconic discussions of the haunted bridge (which is effectively a hidden icon since off the normal travel routes and residents/ visitors cannot park under it) and the recent Rotary sign on the HRH / YMCA property. The bicentennial committee is currently Bev Austin and Tom Klein and additional members are greatly encouraged to get involved. **Bicentennial Trail** work is being coordinated with Brownsburg which will plant popular and tulip "bicentennial trees". A paved trail is planned along the utility corridor from CR200N to CR300N east of Heather More and near the Mormon Church property.

Staff Updates

R C Track: Ryan discussed Scott Black's presentation to the Town Council, which included parking and access concerns, but the concept is moving forward. The June meeting may have a site plan to review. Website is www.IndyHobbies.com

Farmers Market Update: Hobbes Nursery will not be able to participate this year. This void is desired to be filled. April 20th 5pm at Avon Town Hall is the Vendor meeting, which all are encouraged to attend. The Farmers Market dates are June 2nd to September 29th. A photocopy of a recent promotion may be found in the attachments. Terri presented the new parks banner that will be posted at the market and attendees expressed appreciation for all her efforts.

Adjournment: 8:45 PM

Next Meeting: June 3, 2015, 7:00 PM

These notes are intended to capture the main decisions and discussions that may impact future decision making. Please review and advise of errors or omissions. Thank you! Steve.Eisenbarth@gmail.com

These Minutes were reviewed and approved on _____ (date) by:

Charlotte Martin, _____ PRBC President

Pat Tutsie, _____ PRBC Vice President

Steve Eisenbarth, _____ PRBC Secretary