

## AVON PARKS, RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 2017

Avon Town Hall Council Chamber

6570 E. US Hwy. 36, Avon, Indiana

1. **Roll Call** was taken by Director of Public Works, Ryan Cannon. Council members present were Jennifer Thompson, Bill Reed, Louise Watkins, and Steve Schaecher. Pat Tusie and Craig Emsweller were absent.
2. **Public Comment**
  - a. No public comment.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. May 3, 2017 meeting minutes were approved with correction as follows:
    - i. Add word "were absent" to the end of the last sentence of Roll Call.
4. **Old Business: Park Land Purchase update and discussion**
  - a. The Burnett Property (14.25 acres) has had its second appraisal. The first appraisal was \$272,000. The second was \$256,300. The Town's offer would likely be the average of the appraisals (\$268,100). The Owner is motivated to sell and make the property into a park.
    - i. Louise motioned to recommend moving forward with purchase agreement to the Town Council. Bill seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.
5. **Discussion and identification of Trails and Parks**
  - a. A process should be established to name parks, trails, and sidepaths.
  - b. Signage may be put up someday for wayfinding and maps.
  - c. To generate community involvement/participation, a Public Naming Contest could be utilized. PRBC would establish the rules.
  - d. Would there be a monetary amount that would be acceptable for corporate sponsorship?
  - e. Should the park names pay homage to park location's history? Or Avon Historical information, landowner's, local legends, etc.
  - f. The naming process could be spread out over time to help give more information to the community and generate excitement. Local press could help support efforts as well as social media.
  - g. More discussion on this topic will continue in future meetings.
6. **Staff updates:**
  - a. 2017 Events and Volunteer Needs
    - i. Volunteer opportunities at the Avon Farmers' Market and Rib Fest are available. All Council members should sign up. Britt indicated that she primarily needs help with Farmer's Market teardown at 7:00.
    - ii. The Race Across Hendricks will occur July 8. Volunteer help for this event is needed as well.

b. Trail and Site Plan Update

- i. Construction of the trail connection from Avon Town Hall Park to Washington Township Park has started. It is scheduled to be complete by October 24..
- ii. White Lick Trail Phase 4 has been delayed with some property issues. Construction will hopefully begin in December but could potentially slip further back.
- iii. Site Plan Update (Avon Town Hall Park): Ryan has been in negotiations with Context. He is hoping to have their contract ready for the next Town Council meeting on July 22. Context should be ready to meet with the PRBC in August.
- iv. There is also some miscellaneous project development being discussed with Context for Railfan Park, and conceptual layout of the Burnett property.
- v. Construction engineering proposal scoring was handed out to whomever wished to volunteer to review. Steve and Bill both volunteered to participate.

c. Staffing update

- i. A new Parks Program Director will start June 19. Amanda Maxwell is Avon resident who has been working for the Carmel Clay Parks. The position will start off as part-time but may grow to be full-time.
- ii. The Town has also hired a groundskeeper for the Town Hall Park named Elijah.

**7. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.
- b. Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at 7:00 pm.