

City of Charlotte
Park Board Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Chris Burt, Cindy Miller, Karen Holtz, Amy Gilson, Sophie Lupini (Student Liaison),

Absent: Doug Hull, Abygail Maldonado, Brad Johnston (Council Liaison)

Minutes of the May 2, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed and approved.

III Old Business

- A. DPW was busy with tree trimming/ removals after two storms this summer. DPW has applied for another Consumers Energy Tree Planting grant. DPW will be receiving another \$2,000 grant from ITC to compensate for the project in Bennett Park. It will be designated for planting street trees.
- B. The softball diamond project had a drain relocation document signed in August that was required by the Drain Commissioner. Construction has not started yet.
- C. The tennis court reconstruction project is officially not going to happen at this time. Refunds are being issued to donors. There is talk about the schools putting out a bond issue for courts.
- D. There has been no change regarding the recreation 5 year master plan update. DPW has contacted MDNR and the plan expires December 31, 2017. An updated plan must be submitted by March 1, 2018 if the City wants to apply for grants in 2018. The process is cumbersome so it is highly recommend hiring a consultant to help with it.
- E. The revised city ordinance to allow alcohol in the parks went to council on September 11th and September 25th. It will be by the council policy that it is limited to Lincoln Park and beer and wine only.
- F. Brad Johnston has reported that Eli took his orchard idea to the school board and they were receptive. He is still waiting for a definitive answer.

IV New Business

- A. A group of people is still working on trying to get a “Footsteps” project together. The project would paint footsteps on sidewalks around town.
- B. The City has secured grant through the Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (MM-CISMA) to treat and hopefully eradicate the Japanese Knotweed that is behind the old courthouse and across the creek. The first application has been applied and working well with the dry weather.

C. Other:

Charlotte Rocks has been painting and placing rocks around town for the enjoyment of the public. People pick up and move the rocks around.

One of the poop bag bandit has been caught in Bennett Park. The police are working with her to make restitution.

The fire department had to free another kid from the swings at Bennett Park.

The new swings have been installed at Southridge Park. The ADA accessible swing has also been installed at Oak Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.