

**PARKS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

September 22, 2021

6:30 PM

Don called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Don Buchert, Marty Hura, Nina Schroeder, Scott Weaver

Other Village Personnel Present: Mayor Linda Clark

Citizens Present: Phil Rath

- ❖ Motion to accept amended minutes from August 18, 2021 made by Scott, seconded by Marty; all “ayes” given.

Old Business:

- The Village Administrator will sign the agreement for Buchert Park Phase 3 as soon as CT Consultants provides it.

New Business:

- Phil Rath, representative for the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee (DMRC), and the Board continued their discussion about prioritizing projects.
 - The first priority is to be brainstorming and researching the construction of bathrooms at Buchert Park.
 - The Board is considering attaching an ADA-accessible bathroom to the Lodge—where the handicap parking spots are currently situated.
 - Rationale for constructing an attachment versus constructing a free-standing building is that the former might reduce costs, by tying into already-established sewer and water lines.
 - The Board is also considering repurposing the Spud building. It is currently used by and under contract with the Potato Festival Committee. The Mayor will reach out to the Committee to gauge the viability of this option and potentially inspect the building to see what renovations would be required; perhaps the building could be remodeled into a shared space.

- Parks Board will invite the Potato Festival Committee to a forum to discuss this option.
 - Phil has an architectural contact to whom he will reach out to schedule a time to inspect both spaces alongside the Mayor.
 - Other questions and matters considered during this forum:
 - Concept drawings; Phil will reach out to an architect/contact to start this process
 - Cost of inspection/engineer design?
 - When to obtain building and flood plain permits?
 - Cost of security? Ongoing maintenance? Who foots the bills?
 - Inspection of elevation and grade at the potential entrance of a bathroom attached to the Lodge; determine how either would impact water/sewer drainage (especially during floods) and/or ADA-accessibility
 - The second priority is replacing the basketball court's heaving floor.
 - Phil will clarify with Brock Benner to understand the discrepancy discussed in our last meeting, i.e., the Mayor received a several-thousand-dollar quote from Brock, and Phil believed that Brock was volunteering services and/or resources.
 - Additionally, Don noted that there is damage to the dividing fence on the basketball court.
 - The Mayor will have the security camera footage checked.
 - The third priority is increasing ADA compliance and accessibility in the Pavilions. The Board wishes to widen and pave the existing walkway at the western pavilion, and add one or more ADA-compliant picnic tables.
- The Board asks the Service Department to dispose of the deteriorating wooden benches near the Sontag property.
 - Phil requests a walkthrough of Buchert Park to discuss Phase 3 plans.
 - Attendants will likely include at least one Parks Board representative and one CT Consultants representative.
 - Mayor will reach out to Brian and/or Gene of CT Consultants.

- Mayor asks the DMRC to designate one person to represent the Committee and attend the walkthrough.

- ❖ Motion to adjourn made by Scott at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Marty; all “ayes” given.