

Village of Sunbury Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes March 3, 2021

- I. **Call to Order**- Councilman Tim Gose opened the Sunbury Parks and Recreation Commission virtual meeting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday March 3, 2021 via Zoom.
- II. **Roll Call**-Those answering roll call: Tim Gose, Cindi Cooper, and David Martin. Also, in attendance were Administrator Allen Rothermel .
- III. **Guests**– Amy Heighley and Stephanie Huffman
- IV. **Minutes- February 3, 2021** Minutes were reviewed with no changes cited. Martin moved to approve with Cooper second. (Passed unanimously)

V. New Business

- a. **Methodist Church Project**- Church and community members, Amy Heighley and Stephanie Huffman answered questions about their 1.5 year project with the Methodist Church creating an out-door community activity/recreation space in Sunbury.

A “Ninja Course” has been ordered and set to build in the next few weeks. At the beginning of the project Amy and Stephanie were told to dream big and they now have \$170,000.00 to get equipment in the ground. They have 2 pieces of equipment left to purchase which total \$50- \$75 k. They are shooting for an April/May opening.

One funding source is through the Sunbury Methodist Church “Recreation Connection” under the Kroger’s Reward Points program.

To date, there has been great community receptivity and support for the project. Future additions to the facility include: Zip Line, Basketball Courts, Rest Rooms and Community Garden along with connector paths and picnic areas. Amy and Stephanie stressed this was a “community” project for all ages and they wanted to get the word out.

A few questions were asked regarding the Risk Management aspects of the Park.

V. Old Business

- a. **Fallen Heroes South Trail Grant Update**- Allen Rothermel reviewed the actions taken to date and indicated we were awaiting confirmation from the County Commissioners.

- b. **RTF Grant Update-** Tim Gose, after speaking with Mayor Hatfield and Village Engineer Parkinson, has determined it best for the Village to pursue the LWCF Grant (June deadline) Instead of the RTF Grant. It appears that a 6' wide asphalt path can be constructed around the reservoirs by the Facemyer Company as part of the Reservoir drainage project.

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Allen Rothermel questioned the Committee on future meeting times so as not to conflict with the Services Committee. This will be addressed at a future meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dave Martin

Second by Cindi Cooper

Motion approved (unanimous) 7:14 pm

Minutes submitted by Allen Rothermel