

AGENDA
THE PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, September 24, 2018

Call Meeting to Order at **6:30 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Andreski, Brecht, Jobe, Kendall, Maschke, Polega, & President Confer

Additions/Deletions/Revisions to Agenda

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1. Bird Creek Park
2. Vine Street

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Adjourn:

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17 West State Street, Port Austin, MI 48467*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreski 6:39pm, Jobe, Kendall, Maschke, Polega, Confer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brecht

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Thomas Rapson, Dale Hartsell, Chad Parrish, Amanda Nienaltowski

GUESTS PRESENT: Darcie Finan-Morgan, Don Bronson, Sara Straight, Neil Hentschl, Alan McTaggart, Mary Gottschalk, Brian Gottschalk, Rhonda Cook, Mike Pierson, Michelle Todd, Mark Thornton, Joyce Stanek, Jill Meeks, Glen Meeks, Casey Bruce, Jeanette Rousseaux, Brandt Rousseaux, John Hunt, Todd Murawski

President Confer called the Special meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call was taken.

Agenda: Bird Creek Park

Confer commented that the topic of Bird Creek Park goes back over two years of working on this.

Polega explained the purposed lease for Bird Creek Park. It is a fairly standard lease. Some items include:

1. 25 year lease, which is required to obtain grants
2. Gives free reign over the park, improvements are to be discussed with the County.
3. The County will contribute \$8,000 towards maintenance and improvements, funds will be held in an escrow account, Village then submits documentation for reimbursement.
4. Village must maintain insurance coverage
5. If Village does not hold up to lease, the County will take back the park
6. No fee for leasing

Polega also commented that the County has budgeted \$20,000 in the past for the park, but he feels we can maintain it for less than that.

Maschke asked about only leasing a portion of the park? Polega commented that does not work for Grants. Maschke also asked about insurance. Confer commented he has checked with EMC and there will be no additional cost because the Village has a blanket policy.

Confer also commented that the attorney has reviewed the contract and has not issues with it.

Kendall asked about termination of the lease? Polega commented that there is no issue with it; lease requires a 30 day notice.

Discussion was had on the difference in the Village's labor costs vs. the County's.

Rapson asked if the Village would assume the rental responsibility for the Pavilion. Polega commented yes, and the Village would also be able to charge for events in the park.

Discussion was had on the "as is" condition.

Several comments were received from the Public in favor of the lease.

Rhonda Cook commented that she sees someone there cleaning the sidewalks almost daily.

Maschke asked if the DDA has any plans for the park. Casey Bruce commented that long term yes, the park is in the DDA district.

Brian Gottschalk asked if the Splash Pad could be located in Veterans Park. Jill Meeks commented that they did look at Veterans Park, but there are issues with the extra traffic and parking. Also it is better to spread things out and not have concentration in one place.

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Discussion was also had on the Pedestrian Swing Bridge Project. The Lions club has been working on the designs. Kendall commented that the streets will limit access so the he feels the bridge would help. Maschke commented that it would be nice if the County could pay more.

John Hunt from the Road Commission commented that they feel the Village will be a good steward of the park. They are ok with the Village leasing it or if the Village chooses not to.

Nienaltowski asked if we will be pulling from the savings or cutting the budget to cover the costs. Confer commented that it will most likely be some of both. Some discussion was had on finances.

Moved Kendall, support Polega to approve the lease for Bird Creek Park as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Andreski, Jobe, Kendall, Maschke, Polega Nays: 0

Brandt Rousseaux commented that he will make sure the plans that the Lions Club had done on the bridge get passed along to the Village.

Vine Street:

Confer commented that the streets committee met on site.

Andreski commented that in regards to the drain, it appears to be ok for now. Committee recommends letting it go through a season and then reviewing it next year.

Confer and Andreski explained that the other changes were not received or approved. The committee does not feel we are liable for the costs.

Much discussion was had on the costs.

Mike Pierson commented that he will be fixing the washout issues with the catch basin.

Mary Gottschalk asked how long it will take for the council to get some common sense. The water will continue to wash out again and again. The wall has already failed twice in the past due to the washout.

Much discussion was had on who is responsible for the extra costs.

Stiverson was only hired to oversee the Villages portion of the project, not to design it.

Andreski commented that the Committee's recommendation is to not pay for the extra costs that were not approved.

Moved Kendall, support Polega to accept the committee's recommendation to not pay for the extra costs that were not approved. Ayes: All

Confer also commented that we have received a request for reimbursement of costs for the railing and the sod on the Village Easement. As it was not originally part of why this special meeting was called it will be addressed at the next regular Council meeting.

With no further business; **Moved Polega, support Maschke** meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Clerk Certification

I the undersigned, Thomas Rapson, the duly qualified and appointed Clerk for the Village of Port Austin, Huron County Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Village of Port Austin,

At a Special board meeting conducted on the ___24th___ day of _____September_____ 2018.

_____ Thomas Rapson, Village Clerk