

Monday June 10, 2019

PORT AUSTIN VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
17 West State Street, Port Austin, MI 48467

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andreski, Brecht, Bruce, Jobe, Maschke, Polega, Murawski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Amanda Nienaltowski, Dale Hartsell, Josh Kidd

GUESTS PRESENT: Darcie Finan-Morgan, Judy Beam, Lynne Mayes, Helen Ranger, Diane M. Jodoin, Monica Schwanitz, Jason Deney, and Mary Babcock

President Murawski called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call was taken.

Tower Park, Vets Park Ramp, and Bird Creek Proposal were added as agenda items.

Public Comment:

Diane Jodoin: presented documents regarding the Huron County Master Plan. A park named “Port Austin Picnic Area” is listed in this draft Master Plan. TJ Polega will handle as he has a meeting on Wednesday with the county.

Judy Beam: would like to praise/thank Josh Kidd and Thomas Rapson for getting the tennis courts ready for players.

Agenda:

1. **Lynne Mayes** – Thank you to council for all their work. Ms. Mayes also requested the large wooden chair on the corner of Lake Street and West State Street (Village Green area) be moved to another location . She suggested possible alternate locations as the gym area, Bird Creek Park, or Gallop Park. Discussion was had. The request was sent to Buildings & Grounds Committee.
2. **Diane Jodoin** – Ms. Jodoin explained how the Village was given a piece of cement furniture by Pat Jahn years ago as a memorial for her husband. It is in storage in the Village after being moved for a project. Jodoin would like to request if the Village is not utilizing it, that the Port Austin Township Cemetery would be willing to put it on its grounds.

Motion Bruce, Support Maschke to move the cement furniture piece donated by Pat Jahn to the Port Austin Township Cemetery. Ayes: All

3. **Gym Project/Bird Creek Proposal** – Bruce gave an update regarding the gym project and progress. DDA will be working with Wade Trim to achieve a Site Master Plan and Architectural Master Plan. Estimate for the initial engineering proposal is \$37,800. Bruce explained that there will be “green” aspects to the model and that these plans are needed to move forward to apply for grants. Discussion was had.

Bruce also discussed finances. He commented on using funds from the Boat Dock account for a portion of the engineering. Bruce suggested the DDA to cover half the cost of engineering as well.

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Comments were made regarding that Wade Trim did work with the MSU students in regards to incorporating some of their plan ideas. This project would tie in with our active community model and future bike paths, etc.

Alternate companies were discussed. Brecht asked about our fiscal responsibilities. Discussion was had regarding engineering bids.

Darcie Finan-Morgan mentioned money from the Farmers Market vendor fees. When she was in the role of Market Master, monies were set aside from these fees for a project exactly like this (structure to be used by Farmers Market). She isn't aware if the monies are still available, but it was previously earmarked to benefit the future of the market.

Motion Polega, Support Bruce to approve both the Gym and Bird Creek engineering proposals with the Village paying half and DDA paying half of engineering costs. **Motion Polega, Support Bruce** to rescind previous motion.

Motion Polega, Support Bruce to approve paying for half the engineering cost of the Port Austin Gym Renovation and Farmers Market Master Plan with Wade Trim contingent upon DDA approving paying for the other half. Discussion was had. Brecht stated this was very short notice. Maschke wants more information.

Roll call was taken. Ayes: Bruce, Andreski, Brecht, Polega, Jobe, Maschke

Motion Maschke, Support Polega to approve paying for half the engineering cost of Bird Creek Park Master Plan with Wade Trim contingent upon DDA approved paying the other half.

Roll call: Ayes: Polega, Jobe, Maschke, Bruce, Brecht, Andreski

4. **Visitor Center Cleaning** – Maschke commented that the DPW is very busy. She would like to see a person over there for a more detailed cleaning once a week. Maschke will look into hiring someone.

Motion Maschke, Support Bruce to approve spending up to \$50 for a clock for the Visitor Center meeting room . Ayes: All

5. **Water Tower Park** – Monica Schwantiz presented a PowerPoint regarding Water Tower Park plans. The plans incorporated some of the MSU students designs and highlights were Quilt Garden, ¼ mile walking path, Children's Adventure Garden, Sunflower Garden, and Pavilion. She designed the park to be utilized all year round. Ms. Schwantiz also stated she has this scheduled as a five (5) year plan. The recreation plan needs to be updated.

Public hearing to amend the recreation plan set for July 8, 2019, at 6:15pm.

6. **Vets Park Ramp** – Bruce explained the erosion under the walkway is the result from a sprinkler that was underneath. An estimate of \$6780.00 was presented from Purcell to repair.

Motion Maschke, Support Polega to approve Purcell's estimate of \$6780 contingent on DDA contributing ½ (half) the cost. Ayes: All

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Correspondence:

1. **Bob & Jean Brodie** – submitted a letter regarding the erosion of the Village easement seawall by their property at 201 Lakeview. Council discussed placing a load of shale there with DPW to place the shale.

Motion Maschke, Support Polega to approve \$200 worth of shale to be purchased from Clancy Brothers to be placed at the easement near 201 Lakeview. Ayes: All Abstain: Andreski

Consent Agenda: Motion Bruce, Support Polega to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Bills: Motion Bruce, Support Brecht to approve the bills with additions in the amount of \$6175.18 Ayes: All

Attorney:

1. Letters were sent to the two violations that were brought up last meeting, commercial trailer and building with blight.
2. Marihuana Establishments Ordinance – the attorney stated the ordinance as written is fine. Discussion was had. Maschke made the motion to approve, no second. Motion failed. Council members wanted to more information regarding both sides. Clerk Nienaltowski to gain contact information for someone at the state level for more information.

Department head report/requests:

DPW: Kidd commented that the seawall at the end of Prospect Street is washing out.

Police: Hartsell commented that part time police officer positions were being advertised.

Board Reports:

Ambulance: Maschke stated the gator will be going to auction.

Committee Reports:

Ordinance: Committee will work on ordinances and fees. Murawski mentioned the issue of fences and landscaping in the road right of ways.

Council Member Comments:

Polega: excited about the development of town.

Maschke: commented on kids hanging/loitering out in the Visitor Center.

Brecht: commented on sidewalk repair for this year. Committee will continue to look into priority areas.

With no further business; **Moved Bruce, support Maschke** meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.

Clerk Certification

I the undersigned, Amanda Nienaltowski, 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 regular board meeting conducted on the 10 day of June 2019.

_____ Amanda Nienaltowski, Village Clerk