

CHANNAHON PARK DISTRICT
Minutes of the June 17, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:00 a.m. at the Park District offices. Roll call for attendance was taken.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Babich, Clower, Caldwell, Lehman, Geldean

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Szoke, Munkvold, Knutson, Cherbak

GUESTS PRESENT: Mike Rittof, Park Foundation President; Eric Horning, Hitchcock Design Group; Derek O'Sullivan, RE Hamilton Consulting Engineers; Jeff Wold, Village of Channahon Police Chief; Ryan Jandura, Channahon Fire Protection District Lieutenant; 24 residents from the Ravine Woods residential areas.

Everyone present at the meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Babich welcomed those in attendance. He stated that Park District staff and Board Members reviewed comments and questions from the March and April Board Meetings and subsequent e-mail communications, and would use today's meeting to address them. He also noted that the idea for a neighborhood park site, not part of the current Arroyo Trails landholdings, was under review by the Park District.

Commissioner Lehman also welcomed everyone and gave an outline for the meeting.

Executive Director Szoke introduced the Partners on the project.

Foundation President Mike Rittof explained the role of the Foundation in the project and reviewed fundraising efforts to date.

Police Chief Wold addressed safety and security concerns. Generally, park and trail uses are not present undue need for law enforcement.

Lt. Jandura addressed additional safety concerns regarding the Fire District responsibilities and training.

Both Wold and Jandura spoke of how their agencies and the Park District work together planning and operation considerations. Sgt Pozen also suggested forming a Neighborhood Watch program with Block Captains.

Eric Horning from Hitchcock Design Group reviewed the planning process and elements in programming for the project.

Derek O' Sullivan of R.E. Hamilton addressed engineering considerations that were taken into account thru out the project planning.

Throughout the presentations and following partner comments, those at the meeting asked questions and made comments. In summary:

- Concern that emergency services dispatchers are not aware of the location of Arroyo Trails when they are called for an incident.
- Motorized vehicles already on the trail.
- Limited access to the ravine property and users may cut through residential property to access, or use the access lanes and create parking problems.
- Night use, closing the park, illegal dumping, fire danger, smoking, parking.
- Robberies in the community, concerned for safety.
- Concern for lack of privacy from the trail/park areas, commitment to supplemental screening, residential property identification.
- Wildlife and ecology impacts, erosion, tree removals, tree replacement.
- Concern the bridge proposals have no railings.
- West trail access, parking.
- Alternate trail surfaces
- Trail construction timeline and duration.
- Trailhead development timeline and components.

A walk through the ravine trail to observe sight lines and proximity to neighboring property lines was suggested.

With no further comments or questions from those in the audience, those at the meeting were invited to talk with individual partner representatives, Board Members and staff for additional information specific to them. Those in attendance received a hand out with more detailed information, and were informed that the handout and information and comments from this meeting will be posted on the websites for the Park District and Park Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Motion by Commissioner Caldwell, second by Commissioner Geldean to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.



Charles J. Szoke
Secretary