

CITY OF OLNEY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Shelter #5- North East Portion of Olney City Park Olney, IL
August 19, 2020
7:00 P.M.

Agenda #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Shelter #5- North East Portion of Olney City Park Olney, Illinois with Courtney Hunt presiding.

Agenda #2 “ROLL CALL” The following Parks and Recreation members were present: Nathan Britton, Courtney Hunt, and Mark Richardson. Morgan Henton, Beth Miller, and Leah Shan were absent.

Agenda #3 “APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 19, 2020”

Mark Richardson moved to approve the previous month’s meeting and seconded by Nathan Britton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

Agenda #4-A “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

None

Agenda #5-A “UPCOMING PROJECT: WALKING PATH INTO CITY PARK”

Mrs. Hunt discussed the layout and width /material of the path itself. The new addition appears to be staked out in the park. The group discussed the benefits of this addition and the opportunity to draw more activity to the city park. Mrs. Hunt discussed this being added to the revised Parks and Rec plan. Will complete this within the next year as revisions to the existing plan are ongoing.

Agenda 5-B “CURRENT PARK CONDITIONS AND/OR POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT AREAS”

Mrs. Hunt discussed the We Play Park base being fixed or replaced. Mr. Richardson agreed this had been completed this summer. The group discussed the need to prioritize the parks and their needs as well find opportunities for volunteers and community involvement in clean up/additions. Mrs. Hunt wants the group to continue to focus on observing the parks and surveying community members on what they like and don’t like. Mr. Britton proposed the idea of signs in the Bird Haven to list specific birds that can be seen and a memorial plaque for Robert Ridgway. Research will need to be done as to the access and current area/boundaries of this park.

Agenda #5-C “FUTURE OPPORTUNITY FOR HALF MARATHON IN OLNEY”

Mrs. Hunt wanted to discuss the possibility of hosting a half-marathon event in Olney. The finish area could be on Whittle ave. and flow into a street festival with live entertainment and food vendors. Group discussion was had over how to make it an official event, who maps out the running path, and what community members might want to assist in planning. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Agenda #6 “OPEN DISCUSSION”

None

Agenda #7 “ADJOURN”

Nathan Briton moved to adjourn the meeting and Mark Richardson second the motion, Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Courtney Hunt
Chairman