

CITY OF OLNEY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

OLNEY CITY HALL

October 16, 2019

7:00 P.M.

Agenda #1 “CALL TO ORDER” The meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 300 S. Whittle Ave., Olney, Illinois, with Courtney Hunt presiding.

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

Agenda #3 “APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2019” Mr. Britton moved to approve the minutes from September 19, 2019, seconded by Mr. Henton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received.

Agenda #4 “PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS”

4-A “Tennis and Pickleball Courts” Michelle May, representing the local Pickleball players, came and talked about the success of a recent tournament that was held at the Olney City Park. Mrs. May informed the board that there were over 75 entries to the two day event with only about 15 of those entries being local to Olney. Player ranged from Novice to Professional. Mrs. May also discussed with the Board the possibility of finding an area for permanent courts in the future.

Agenda #5 “BOARD DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION”

5-A “Site for a Veterans Memorial” Two members from the Olney VFW #4226 came to discuss the possibility of constructing a memorial in one of the parks. They are looking to create a committee of 5 members made up of local individuals as well as other VFW members to help work on the project. They discussed that it was very early into the planning of the project and they were looking at possible locations. They have picked out the site of the fountain at the Olney City Park near the west entrance close to Highway 130. The board members spoke that they were in favor of the project but advised them to seek out Park Supervisor Frank Bradley to see his opinion on that location and the feasibility of the project. Mr. Henton also suggested they contact the owner of the park that was located on Main Street to see if they would be interested in letting them construct the memorial there.

There was discussion about leasing property from the city, or possibly purchasing property through grant funds. No official action was taken.

Agenda 5-B “BUCKET BRIGADE VOLUNTEERING”

Mr. Henton spoke about previous years the board has volunteered to participate in the Bucket Brigade at the end of the Olney Lights Display. The members discussed times and dates and Mrs. Hunt was going to contact City Clerk, Kelsie Sterchi, to reserve a time and date.

Agenda #5-C “COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW”

Mrs. Hunt wanted to discuss in further detail the Comprehensive Plan and to see which items could be marked off as being done. Due to time restraints the board members were instructed to look into the Plan and be prepared to discuss more at the regular scheduled meeting.

Agenda #6 “OPEN DISCUSSION”

During Open Discussion, Mr. Henton talked about the interest in trying to move forward on the Dog Park that is to be placed south of Miller’s Grove Park. Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Miller also talked about the interest in an indoor facility for a swimming pool, and were going to contact other individuals in the community to see if there was interest in forming a committee.

Agenda #7 “ADJOURN”

Mr. Henton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Britton. A majority affirmative voice vote was received. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



Morgan Henton
Vice Chairman