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Approved Minutes

Friendship Heights Village Council Parks and Grounds Committee Thursday, February 13, 2025

Parks and Grounds Committee members present: Robert Pestronk; Roy Schaeffer; Daniel Ahr.

Others present: Julian Mansfield; Jim Trotta; Lois Forster; Charles Schwartz; Al Muller; Allan Evans.

At 6:20 p.m., Mr. Pestronk called the meeting of the Friendship Heights Village Council Parks and Grounds Committee to order. The meeting was held in person at the Village Center.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ahr moved, Mr. Pestronk seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 7 Parks and Grounds Committee meeting, with two corrections noted. The motion was approved unanimously (3-0).

Page Park Update

Mr. Mansfield reported the Village's architect has found several areas of non-compliance with the ADA in the new construction in Page Park. The architect is recommending a survey to confirm ADA compliance, then a contractor will be needed to perform the remediation work. Committee members discussed whether GreenSweep or a different contractor would be engaged to do the work required.

Mr. Mansfield provided an update on the stormwater management plan being developed by the civil engineering firm. The firm is proposing to install five rain gardens to capture stormwater runoff in various areas of the park. The rain gardens will be filled with plants that can absorb the water runoff.

Request for Memorial at Willoughby Park

Jim Trotta, a Village resident, requested permission for a memorial plaque to be placed in Willoughby Park in memory of another resident who recently passed away. Mr. Mansfield suggested that one of the new plants or trees to be planted along the fence between Willoughby Park and The Willoughby's driveway could be donated by the family with a plaque or sign. Mr. Trotta agreed with this suggestion.

Mr. Mansfield indicated the Village will receive a proposal from the landscape maintenance contractor with options for plantings in this area for the spring. Mr. Pestronk suggested it would be helpful for the Village to have a policy to handle requests for memorials in the public spaces. He indicated the Montgomery County Parks Foundation deals with this issue and has a policy. Mr. Mansfield will check with the Parks Foundation to find out about their policy. This issue will be discussed at the next Parks and Grounds Committee meeting on March 17.

Rehabilitation of Grass Strips

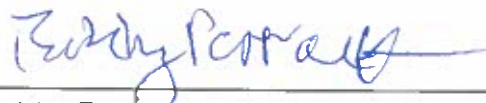
Mr. Mansfield reported that he will be meeting with GreenSweep shortly to conduct a survey of the grass strips. GreenSweep will provide options for addressing the various areas, which will be presented to the Parks and Grounds Committee at a future meeting.

Discussion of Dog Use and Impact on Village Property and Grounds

Mr. Pestronk met with Lois Forster and did a walkthrough regarding the dog concerns she had raised at the previous Committee meeting. Mr. Forster will contact other municipalities and agencies to see how they are addressing this issue and will develop a report to be presented to the Committee. She will also meet with officials from the Town of Somerset regarding the erosion behind Page Park leading down to the creek. She will follow up with Mr. Mansfield on her findings.

No other actions were taken by the Parks and Grounds Committee. Mr. Ahr moved, Mr. Pestronk seconded to close the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Bobby Pestronk, Parks and Grounds Committee Chair