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Approved Minutes

Friendship Heights Village Council Parks and Grounds Committee

Friday, October 17, 2025

Parks and Grounds Committee members present: Martha Solt; Victor Basile; Roy Schaeffer.

Others present: Julian Mansfield; Jason Goldstein; Jim Wilson, Project Manager; Al Muller; Betty Nolan; one resident.

At 3:30 p.m., Ms. Solt called the meeting of the Friendship Heights Village Council Parks and Grounds Committee to order. The meeting was held virtually via Google Meet.

Page Park Update

Ms. Solt asked Mr. Wilson what it means for the pergola to not have footings, and what information we need from here. Mr. Wilson responded that the County requires that footings be installed. He has asked a contractor for an estimate to install the footings. Dr. Muller asked what was holding up the pergola without the proper footings. Mr. Wilson replied that the contractor made the concrete slab thicker where the pergola posts are installed, but it is not to the standard of footings required by the County. Any structure over 6 feet tall requires a building permit, which requires footings that go 30 inches below the frost line.

Mr. Wilson discussed the option of removing the pergola, which would eliminate the need for a building permit and would no longer require a separate accessible walkway leading to the pergola area. He indicated the landscape designer for Clark Azar could develop sketches showing this area filled in with lawn or plantings as an alternative to keeping the pergola in place and providing the required footings. Mr. Wilson will follow up by the end of next week with more information on these options.

(Mr. Wilson left the meeting)

Humphrey Park Maintenance Plan

Ms. Solt identified maintenance items in Humphrey Park that need to be addressed, including cleaning and repainting the trash cans, benches, and stairways, and replacing caulking around the fountain and the stairs. She asked Mr. Mansfield about the maintenance plan for items in the park. Mr. Mansfield responded that staff will follow up to address these items.

No other actions were taken by the Parks and Grounds Committee. Mr. Schaeffer moved, Mr. Basile seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Martha Solt 3/6/2020
Martha Solt, Parks and Grounds Committee Chair