

## CITY OF BAY VILLAGE

### CAHOON MEMORIAL PARK TRUSTEES

February 11, 2013

Michael A. Young, Vice President of Council, Presiding

Present: Clark, Lee, Lieske, Miller, Tadych, Young, Mayor Sutherland

Absent: Mr. Koomar

#### Others

Present: Law Director Ebert, Finance Director Mahoney, Service Director Galli,  
Operations Manager Landers

Vice President of Council Michael Young called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Bay Village City Hall.

### AUDIENCE

The following members of the audience signed in this evening: Jerrie Barnett, Denny and Tara Wendell, Jennifer Smillie, Russell Thompson, Jeff Gallatin, Bruce Geiselman, Patrick McGannon

### **Disc Golf – Presentation by Lawrence Kuh**

Mr. Kuh introduced Wendy Crumbacher, a Physical Education teacher at the Bay Middle School. A proposal for Disc Golf put together by Ms. Crumbacher, Chris Brewer, Physical Education Teacher, and Greg Leninger, Art Teacher at the Middle School, and Mr. Kuh was distributed to the Council and administration.

Mr. Kuh advised that they are looking to have the city pay minimal to no funds for this project. They will seek funding from other community organizations such as the Village Foundation, Kiwanis, the Observer, etc. A maximum amount of \$4,000 is required for the project.

The goal this evening is to introduce the project to the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees and get approval to seek funding. The funding and grants that are under consideration are due March 1, 2013.

The proposal distributed contained an introduction from the Professional Disc Golf Association defining the sport. Mr. Kuh explained the difference between Frisbee Golf and Disc Golf, and noted that this proposal is for Disc Golf. He displayed and explained the discs used for the game. Mr. Kuh and Mr. Leninger have been playing this game for a couple of years, and have now been playing it with the students with a course set out in the field. The game is part of the Seventh and Eighth Grade Curriculum at the Middle School. Mr. Kuh met with the Mayor Sutherland and walked a proposed course with Recreation Director Enovitch. Mr. Kuh hopes that this could be a collaborative project with the schools and something that could be offered through the city.

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The proposal contains information concerning Disc Golf courses in the regional area. Westlake Recreation has six baskets at their recreation facility site, which is not technically a course. The walking path goes right through the middle. Disc Golf is designed as a mixed-use type of sport. There is an etiquette involved in that if someone is walking by a disc is not thrown. It is known as a passive sport which involves going for a hike in the woods and following a disc. The City of Parma has one of the first Disc Golf courses in the State of Ohio. It has been a professional Disc Golf course since the 1970's. Baldwin Wallace has a course that goes through their campus. Professional Disc Golf membership has grown in the last ten years.

Mr. Kuh is looking to install nine holes, starting at the top of the sledding hill. Four baskets would be installed in the valley, working up to the stone staircase at the end, going across the bridge and up the hill to the two large grinding wheels, behind the Bocci Ball Court, behind the senior center, and up to the area where the new parking lot was built. Mr. Kuh explained in further detail the equipment used, including the baskets which were illustrated in the proposal he distributed. They are looking at the 18 chain version for the baskets, although a larger 24 chain version is available. The leading sales representatives of the product have stated that for the Bay Village purpose, which doesn't include sanctioning for an event, the 18 chain version will work perfectly. The baskets will be off the side, with nothing down the center of the area.

Mayor Sutherland stated that installations can be discussed to be done in-house to keep the cost down. The type of baskets that can be taken out seasonally will be used. Mr. Kuh noted that moving baskets is very doable. A hole is dug to 36 inches, concrete installed, and the pole and basket placed in the hole

Mr. Kuh commented that nothing will be installed down the center of the sledding hill. He proposed to install stakes in the ground to show where the equipment will be situated.

The organizations that will be asked for sponsorship will be given the opportunity to have their name put on the basket for community recognition. There will be nine baskets, and four or five organizations will be asked about contributions.

Mayor Sutherland commented that she likes the fact that the seventh and eighth graders are being taught this sport. In some ways, communities struggle to find things for seventh and eighth graders to do that are productive and keeps them busy and out of trouble.

Recreation Director Enovitch stated that the idea is innovative and very creative. The poles are not easily seen. Research has indicated that it is not invasive and will not stand out. It is a great walk; this is a great way to get out with your family and walk through the Cahoon properties. It is a great concept.

Mayor Sutherland stated that she supports going forward if Mr. Kuh can get the funding. The city will do what they can in-house.

Mr. Lee asked the cost of a bag of discs. Mr. Kuh stated that a disc is about \$10.00 each with a starter set of discs costing about \$30.00. Mr. Enovitch noted that they are available at Walmart. The baskets are galvanized steel.

Mr. Kuh stated that this idea works as a physical educational component for the schools and is a complete bonus for the residents as well.

Mr. Young stated that he doesn't have a feel for the course and asked Mr. Kuh to have the stakes placed out with an example of the height and width. Mr. Enovitch noted that having walked a course with Mr. Kuh, he knows that you cannot even see where the baskets are located. It is creatively laid out.

Mr. Tadych asked if the participants buy their own discs. Mr. Kuh stated that possibly the Recreation Department could rent out the discs for use. Ms. Crumbacher stated that the schools would include in their budget enough discs for the students to use. Mr. Tadych expressed favor with the project. Mayor Sutherland expressed support of the project. Mr. Young stated that he sees no objection in allowing Mr. Kuh to move forward, lay out the course for the trustees to review, and pursue funding.

Mrs. Lieske asked at what point in time this proposal would come before the Recreation and Parks Improvement Committee. Mr. Young stated this would be the next step. It would be best for the Recreation and Parks Improvement Committee to come back with an assessment of the proposal and come back to the Trustees. Mrs. Lieske stated that she questioned previously whether the proposal should come before Council initially, or come before the Recreation Committee. Mr. Koomar, at that time, explained that since it was just general information at first it could be presented to the trustees first and then taken from there.

Mrs. Lieske will schedule a meeting in the next few weeks of the Recreation and Parks Improvement Committee. The Recreation Committee will review the proposal and make a recommendation to the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees.

Mr. Lee asked if there are plans to do any organized tournaments. Mr. Kuh stated that the first idea would be to use the activity through the physical education classes and promote it through the Recreation Department as an offering. Mr. Kuh has had students ask if a Disc Golf Club will be started, and Mr. Kuh noted that it wouldn't be a Professional Disc Golf Association.

Mr. Tadych urged Mr. Kuh to look into the sanctioning more closely. Mr. Kuh stated that their thought was to keep it at a reasonable expense and a public recreational use. Mr. Tadych stated that it would only cost \$900 to sanction the course. Mr. Kuh will obtain a quotation on that aspect, present that to the Recreation Committee and hear their recommendation.

### **Village Bicycle Cooperative Lease of a portion of the Community House**

**Motion** by Miller, second by Sutherland, to permit the Village Bicycle Cooperative, under the direction of Building Department Director Galli, to begin staging of the materials in the Community House Garage Area 4, in advance of a Certificate of Occupancy and completion of the fire detection system.

**Motion passed 7-0.**

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There being no further business to come before the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Mike Young, Vice President of Council

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Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council