

# CITY OF BAY VILLAGE

## CAHOON MEMORIAL PARK TRUSTEES

May 23, 2016

President of Council Koomar called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m. in the conference room of Bay Village City Hall.

Present: Clark, Henderson, Koomar Lieske, Mace, Tadych, Vincent, Mayor Sutherland

Also Present: Also Present: Law Director Ebert, Finance Director Mahoney, Director of Public Safety/Service Thomas, Director of Community Services Selig, Police Chief Spaetzel, Fire Chief Lyons, Human Resource Manager Jen Demaline.

## AUDIENCE

The following audience members signed in this evening: Dick Majewski, Lydia DeGeorge, Pam Cottam, Suzanne Graham, Al Paulus, Wayne Reese, Steve Ruscher, Mindy Stroh, Tallulah Swasey.

Mr. Al Paulus addressed the trustees, advising that he is the President of the Bay Village Foundation, and the Foundation is in the process of doing renovation work on the Play-in-Bay playground. As a result of many of the Foundation members travelling around the country recently and seeing what other people are doing in parks, they got an idea of adding some color and other things to the park. They went to the High School Art Classes and asked them to come up with some ideas of something they might be able to do with a Lake Erie theme that would allow them to brighten up a few of the spots in the playground.

Mr. Paulus introduced Mindy Stroh and Tallulah Swasey to describe their project. Also present with Mr. Paulus were former Councilman Wayne Reese, and Steve Ruscher from the Bay Village Foundation. Mr. Paulus thanked everyone for their efforts, noting that the Bay Village Foundation has raised almost \$100,000 at this point for Play-in-Bay, including \$10,000 from the City of Bay Village. Only a couple more thousand dollars is needed to do the last few things, such as a recognition ball for donors. It is hoped that the project will be finished in October of 2016 with a nice addition to the playground.

Tallulah Swasey, representing the art students at Bay High, presented the project to the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees, advising that their idea is to have signs and chalkboard. The signs will be very colorful and lively, representing the fish in Lake Erie. The names they have chosen are Shark Shack, the Bass-ment, Steelhead Station, and Carp Castle. The main four names will be on the big towers to the right when you walk into the entrance, to the left by the sandbox, and by the swing set. The signs will be made out of Redwood, painted with Acrylic paint, and the letters will be wood burned into the surface. Redwood was chosen because it doesn't rot and it stays for a long time. The chalkboard will be across from the Amphitheatre in an alcove with the Tic-Tac-Toe play element. That will be placed there so parents can watch their children while they are in one area, and take away from the possibility of graffiti. It will say "Today I am..." in decorative letters with nautical symbols and waves at the bottom with flat black paint. A chalk box will be included that looks like a boat. They will start off with chalk, but people in Bay

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Village like to bring things to the playground and will probably resupply the chalk. If there is time before the end of the school year, the art students will add a couple more fish features to their plan. Mr. Paulus noted that he saw a playground this past weekend where they had done something similar and where they mounted the fish they actually painted the board blue so that it looked like the water. Mr. Paulus stated that if they decide to do further work they will come back to the Trustees.

Mr. Koomar asked if the Service Department will assist with the installation of the chalkboards. Mr. Paulus stated that he will work that out with the City. Mindy Stroh noted that the art teacher has advised that the paint will not be needed to be touched up for another twenty years.

Mrs. Lieske asked Tallulah how many of her classmates working on this went to Play-in-Bay when they were growing up. Tallulah answered "all of them." Mrs. Lieske complimented Miss Swasey on her presentation this evening.

**Motion** by **Mace** to approve the plans by the Bay Village Foundation for the installation of the signs and artwork created by the Bay High students for the Play-in-Bay including 2-1/2 ft. chalkboards, and up to 10 individual fish signs to the different features within the park with the nautical motif of sailboats and waves.

**Motion carried.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Paul A. Koomar, President of Council

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Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council