

Present: Rebecca Cox, Pete Gitman, Lisa Goodpaster (*secretary*), J.P. Hall (*president*), Gwen & John Lattimer, Brad Marshall (*treasurer*), Brad Polk (*vice president*), Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Guests: Trevor Adelsperger (*patrol officer, Muncie Police Department*), Dale Basham (*Muncie city council candidate, at-large*), Donna Catron (*branch manager, Muncie Public Library*), Sara Gullion (*Muncie city council candidate, District 4*), Amy Kessler (*sergeant, Muncie Police Department*), Isaac Miller (*Muncie city councilman, District 4*), Akilah Nosakhare (*director, Muncie Public Library*), Justin Peters (*officer, Muncie Police Department*), Seth Rawlings (*campaign manager for Sue Errington, representative, Indiana House District 34*), Roza Selvey (*Muncie city councilwoman, at-large*).

Minutes

After reviewing the minutes from the November 29, 2022, meeting, President Hall called for a motion to approve. Brad Marshall moved; Pete Gitman seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Marshall presented the treasurer’s report for the period 11/29/22 – 1/30/23, with no revenues or expenses to report, leaving a balance of \$7,703.40.

Our current fund balances are as follows:

101 General Fund	\$898.74
201 Playground publicity	158.00
301 Pavilion and Landscaping	5,646.66
401 Park General	<u>1,000.00</u>
Current Available Balance (Checking)	\$7,703.40

We anticipate the following revenues:

101 Amazon Smile (2023)	\$25.00
101 Amazon Giving Asst (2023)	20.00
101 Kroger Community Rewards (2023)	20.00
301 ARP Neighborhood funds	<u>43,437.08</u>
Total anticipated revenues	\$43,502.08

We anticipate the following expenses:

203 Landscaping (Zeigler grant)	\$5,646.66
301 ARP Project (2022)	30,000.00
301 ARP Project (2023)	<u>12,000.00</u>
Total anticipated expenses	\$47,646.66

Marshall reported Amazon is discontinuing the Smile program effective 2/20/2023. He is currently registering HVNA for the Target Circle Community Giving program, and will research other possibilities such as PayPal Giving, eBay for Charities, and American Express Members Giving programs.

President Hall called for a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Pete Gitman moved; Rebecca Cox seconded. Treasurer’s report approved.

Halteman Park

Hall reported he met with the mayor who stated funds will be allocated to cover the cost of Flatland Resources' planning services for the development of Phase 2 of the park project.

Marshall reported he's been working with the parks department regarding placement of the pickleball courts, where the old tennis courts are to be removed. A sketch from the consultant used by the parks department was presented. There is no indication of placement within the park. We will need more detailed rendering to know where the planned seating/landscaping will be located. Marshall reported that the parks' department said construction on the pickleball courts will begin in February. Supply shortages and shipping delays are affecting the timeline. Supply costs are going up as well. Discussion followed. John Lattimer measured the area and is certain the space can accommodate three courts instead of two. Everyone agreed. Marshall will discuss further with the parks department.

Hall reminded everyone of the ongoing security issues with the restroom building. In addition to past incidents of vandalism, one of the new windows is now broken. Hopefully security cameras can be installed as other parks have done. Because of these issues, the building will remain locked until further notice.

Funding for Phase 2 of the Halteman Park renovation project ^{may}~~will~~ involve several sources:

- Muncie Redevelopment Commission (\$75,000 for pickleball courts)
- local foundation grants (up to \$25,000 from Zeigler Foundation)
- IHCD A CreatINg Places crowdfunding campaign (up to \$30,000 potential + up to \$30,000 additional in matching funds)
- ARP Neighborhood Grant funding (\$43,437.08)

Phase 2 will involve implementing one or more of the following, dependent upon funding:

- Additional swing bays (\$5,000 ea)
- Benches (\$1,000 ea.)
- Toddler play area (\$25,000)
- Additional shelter/pavilion (\$35,000)
- Bike racks (\$850 ea.)
- Restroom renovations (\$10,000)
- Electricity to pavilion
- Seating structure at pickleball courts (\$25,000)
- Permanent signage

These projects are anticipated to be completed during 2023-2024.

Councilwoman Selvey will check to see if electricity can be run to the pavilion. She recalled this being discussed in the beginning discussions regarding the park renovation and thinks it had been agreed upon at some point by a city representative.

ARP Neighborhood Grant

Hall notified Muncie Action Plan of our intent to apply to receive our ARP Neighborhood funding. We will complete this step once all required documentation is compiled. We have until the end of 2024 to spend these funds and submit a final report.

Traffic/Speed Limits/Signage

The city installed the new speed limit signs throughout the HVNA area, reducing the speed from 30 mph to 25 mph throughout, except for the Mitchell area, where a 20-mph limit school zone was posted last year.

Other Business

Sgt. Amy Kessler (*Muncie Police Department*) introduced herself and Officers Trevor Adelsperger and Justin Peters, who were also in attendance. Sgt. Kessler has been named Administrative Sergeant for Community Engagement and is tasked with forming and fostering relationships with community agencies, such as neighborhood organizations. They will be providing patrols and staffing during neighborhood events. She can be contacted at akessler@cityofmuncie.com.

Akilah Nosakhere (*director, Muncie Public Library*) announced Kennedy Library is seeking input from the community to envision a renovation of the empty lot on the corner of Rosewood and Woodmont, which the library owns. Suggestions included an outdoor reading area, with benches and structures to provide shade. Anyone wishing to make suggestions is encouraged to come to the library and add their ideas to the board.

Roza Selvey (*Muncie city councilwoman, At-Large*) announced construction on the new skatepark at Westside Park should begin soon. The Academy of Model Aeronautics reverted their area of the park back to the city for reuse as a skatepark. Selvey has been working with various people and agencies to finally bring this to fruition.

Isaac Miller (*Muncie city councilman, District 4*) reiterated the financial support for the pickleball courts from the Muncie Redevelopment Commission. He announced West Purdue will be repaved this spring. He appreciates the opportunity to continue serving on the MRC board, as well as on council representing Muncie's 4th district. He can be contacted at Dist4@cityofmuncie.com.

Brad Marshall announced the bus shelter at the intersection of Oakwood and Wheeling will be replaced this spring. It had been removed following a single-car accident a year or more ago.

Our next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at Halteman Baptist Church.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

- *Respectfully submitted, Lisa Goodpaster (secretary)*