

Present: Clarence Casazza, Pete Gitman, Lisa Goodpaster (secretary), J. P. Hall (president), Troy Ingram (Muncie City Council), Brad Marshall (treasurer), Brad Polk.

President Hall called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Announcements

Vice President Polk reported that Shroyer Brothers had begun demolition on the former pool house a few weeks ago; however, work was halted when it was discovered that the utilities had not been disconnected.

Polk announced a public forum to be conducted by Muncie City Council's Land and Traffic Committee at 7p.m. on April 20 at the Cornerstone Center for the Arts. The purpose is to gather input from the four quadrants of the city regarding neighborhood traffic issues. We will send out a survey to residents to gather their input, and will tabulate all responses into one formal document, which will be submitted to the committee.

Together Delaware-Muncie Information Gathering

The city and county have formed a coalition of sorts, called *Together Delaware-Muncie*. The purpose is to bring representatives from both the city and council together to collaborate on developing long-term comprehensive planning processes.

Hall serves on the committee, and has been asked to hold a kitchen table conversation at the neighborhood level to gather input from our residents. The remainder of the meeting focused on this discussion. The three main priorities identified through this process were:

1. Infrastructure
2. Education
3. Quality of Place/Life

Hall will summarize the discussion and share our results with the steering committee. He will keep us apprised of the process. He reminded everyone to take the survey at togetherdm.com before the survey deadline, which is tomorrow. The plans developed from these process will be used for all future planning over the course of the next ten years.

Other Business

Hall will reach out to Shroyer to see when they plan to continue demolition. Delays will affect the timeline for the rest of the park improvements planned this summer.

J. P. met with Brad Marshall and Carl Malone (City Parks Department) regarding the basketball and tennis courts. The plan had been to tear out one and convert the basketball court into one half-court, for multi-use. Both Marshall and Hall expressed the desire of the neighborhood to keep a full-court, and will convert the tennis court into a pickleball court.

The playground equipment will be ready for installation as early as late April, once the pool house is removed and infrastructure is completed. We will need to stay engaged with the City to keep things moving.

Hall reported that we have reached our stretch goal of \$45,000. Additionally, we have received a check for \$10,000 from the Community Foundation. At this point in time, we have \$85,000 which is committed to the park. We have submitted a grant application to the Zeigler Foundation for a \$25,000 grant to help fund the remaining costs of a pavilion and landscaping, but won't hear a decision for a few weeks. We received a \$500 grant from Muncie Action Plan to assist with fundraising costs (social media ads and donor banners). Lastly, we received a \$50 gift from Building Better Neighborhoods for J. P.'s participation in the I.D.E.A. conference.

J. P. Hall asked for a motion to reimburse the secretary for out-of-pocket expenses paid to boost the fundraising campaign ads on NextDoor in the amount of \$102. Peter Gitman moved and Brad Marshall seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Hall asked for a motion to move forward with authorization to allow the treasurer to make final payments to CRG for procurement and installation of the playground equipment, in the total amount of \$60,000. Lisa Goodpaster moved and Brad Polk seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Hall reported that our May monthly meeting will instead be a *Dream with Dan* event, held at 6 p.m. at Halteman Village Baptist Church. President Hall will moderate the forum, and everyone will have an opportunity to ask questions of the department heads.

Our next meeting will be held April 27, 2021 at 7 p.m.

There being no further business, our meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.