

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**The Regular, Scheduled Meeting of the Council of**  
**The Village of Marble Cliff**

Minutes of

Meeting

Grand Rapids Loose Leaf F1309051LD

Held At 1600 Fernwood Ave.

May 18, 2020

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The Council of the Village of Marble Cliff held its regular, scheduled meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm. via Zoom conferencing software. The "remote" meeting was made permissible through Sub HB 197 due to the social distancing required by the COVID 19 pandemic. Those in attendance were Council Members: Marnie Hoag, Matthew R. Jolson, Jeffery Smith, Joanne Taylor, Kendy A. Troiano, and Dow T. Voelker; Mayor, Matthew P. Cincione; Yazan S. Ashrawi, Village Solicitor; Joshua Ford, Village Engineer; Administrative Assistant, Judith Ciccone, and Fiscal Officer, Cynthia A. McKay. Visitors were present.

VISITORS *Cincione*

Mayor ~~Studebaker~~ introduced Chris Ahlum from Ahlum and Arbor, to discuss restoration of the paths in Tarpy Woods as well as the addition of parking for the park, improved drainage near the entrance to the park, and the design and installation of the Studebaker Grove at Tarpy Woods Park.

Mr. Ahlum reviewed the work necessary for restoration of the paths and the necessity for improved drainage near the entrance to the park. Council concurred with the need to restore the paths in the park.

Mayor Cincione reported he walked the park with Mr. Ahlum and Ms. Ciccone. He commented a major issue to be resolved is whether or not to provide parking at Tarpy Woods instead of a turn-around which is currently marked no parking. Traditionally Tarpy Woods has not had parking nearby thereby, requiring park visitors to park on Cambridge Blvd. or Lincoln Rd. and walk into the park.

Mr. Ford stated the best solution to the drainage problems that cause the entrance to the park to hold standing water and exacerbate the erosion of chips on the path is the installation of a catch basin installed into a solid pad such as a parking space.

Mr. Cincione asked if Council is interested in creating parking at the entrance of the park and/or improving the turnaround to address the damage done to the park by vehicles pulling off the road to pass other vehicles or turnaround.

Ms. Hoag asked Mayor Cincione and Ms. Taylor, whose homes are closest to the park, if they would like parking at the park. Mr. Cincione stated that, although the activity at the park has increased during the COVID 19 restrictions, the parking does not bother him. He commented that having parking on the street gives him an opportunity to monitor potential mischief after dark. Ms. Taylor stated the street parking does not bother her.

Mayor Cincione commented that the creation of the memorial grove might create a need for handicapped parking place along with an improved turnaround.

Mr. Smith stated the residents' opinions carry weight with him. He stated that he likes the park the way it is and does not want to cause "destruction."

Mr. Ford stated a parking area with a catch basin would be the best and easiest way to collect runoff and address the drainage problem near the entrance to the park. Without a parking area, the area would need to be regraded to channel water for collection. Mr. Ahlum stated the parking area would pave the area which currently suffers from the ongoing erosion.

Rick Willamont, Village Court resident, stated his opposition to adding parking at Tarpy Woods Park. He commented that the park is unique and enjoyed as it is. He noted that cars try to turn around on Cambridge Blvd. south of Village Court and, in the process, do damage to the grassy area on either side of the road. He also noted that children walk along Cambridge Blvd. south of Village Court and expressed his concern for safety if parking is permitted.

Alex Picasso, Cambridge Blvd. resident surrounded on three sides by the park, expressed his opposition to adding parking in the park. He stated his concerns about increased traffic, parking along Cambridge outside of designated parking and safety concerns for little children. He also stated his desire to discuss the larger plans for the Studebaker Grove. He stated he and his family generate a great deal of traffic and often find that they need to stop to permit other cars and walkers to use the road. Mr. Picasso suggested wheelchair accessibility be provided on Cambridge north of Village Court.

Mayor asked if the Boy Scouts are available to restore the path as has been done in prior years. Ms. McKay stated the scouts are not in a position to help now. She stated that the scouts do not have the equipment or expertise restore the paths.

Mr. Smith asked why there is a turnaround. Mayor Cincione stated it was the end of Bluff Ave. and to provided limited turnaround for cars. Mr. Voelker stated that it was added to allow cars to turn after they discover the street dead ends. Mr. Jolson supported the idea of handicapped parking, but expressed concern about policing the space to keep others from parking.

Ms. Taylor commented that a handicapped space does not make sense when there is no handicapped accessibility beyond the parking. She asked if the grove would be accessible.

Mayor Cincione stated that the options for work in Tarpy Woods Park are presented as two separate proposals to address current problems and then the addition of the Studebaker Grove. The two projects would have different sources of financing.

Mr. Smith suggested the Studebaker Grove be planted in Falco Park because it already has a handicapped accessible sidewalk. He also suggested Cambridge Blvd. south of Village Court into a private drive to the Picasso house. Ms. McKay noted Cambridge Blvd. is a public street with other houses that have addresses on Cambridge Blvd. She stated that Falco Park is already fully planted with a variety of trees. The open area in Falco Park is used routinely. Ms. McKay also noted that the Village routinely fields request from individuals wanting to plant trees in the Village usually on

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Cambridge Island. She noted that space for additional trees on Cambridge Island is limited. She stated the goal of the Studebaker Grove was to have a specified planting location as well a diversity of trees. Mayor Cincione concurred with Ms. McKay that Falco Park is not appropriate. He stated he does not expect the grove to increase traffic significantly.

Mayor Cincione asked if the existing paths can be addressed separate from everything else understanding that restoring the paths does not address the drainage issues. Mr. Ahlum stated that restoration of existing paths could be addressed immediately. Ms. Troiano asked if handicapped car parking area could be on Village Court or Cambridge Blvd. and add bicycle parking with drainage.

Ms. McKay reviewed the location of the proposed new path which would have trees planted on either side of the path. Mayor Cincione explained that a new path would be installed from the current turn around along the south side of Cambridge Blvd. and the Picasso property then turn north through the open area behind the Picasso property and connect in two places to the existing path that runs along the railroad track.. The open space was created by the removal of invasive honeysuckle.

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2634-20, An Ordinance accepting a Proposal from Ahlum and Arbor for the installation of additional drainage, restoration of the paths and installation of parking at the Tarp Woods Park.

**Mr. Voelker moved Ordinance 2634-20 be amended to remove the approval for additional drainage and parking at Tarp Woods Park and retaining approval for the restoration of paths at a not to exceed cost of \$12,000. Mr. Jolson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jolson moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hoag moved the adoption of O-2634-20 as amended. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Picasso stated the neighbors' opinion that the park is great as it is and does not need to be changed in any way. He stated it is a passive park and does not need to have anything done other than clearing and maintaining the paths. He said that his understanding was that the Village would ask his opinion on anything being done to the park by the Village. He stated the grove would pull more people toward his property line and increase activity and noise. He said you should not add a memorial pond next to a lake and should not plant new trees next to a treed park.

Mr. Willamont stated that he does not want to see the view out of his yard changed.

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2635-20, An Ordinance accepting a Proposal from Ahlum and Arbor for design and installation of the Studebaker Grove at the Tarp Woods Park.

No action was taken.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Receive - Mayor's Court Report, April, 2020
- 2) Receive - Police Report, April, 2020
- 3) Receive - Building Permits Issued, April 2020
- 4) Approval - Minutes of the regular, scheduled meeting of April 16, 2020 and Historical Commission meeting of April 16, 2020
- 5) Approval - Financial Statements for April, 2020
- 6) Receive - Income Tax Reports for February and April 2020
- 7) Falco Scholarship thank you note - Taylor

**Ms. Hoag moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Voelker seconded. Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.**

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione reported Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission holds a weekly COVID 19 meeting. He reported he has been able to attend some of the meetings.

Mayor Cincione reported he has attended meetings with the Tri-Village Chamber Partnership. He commented Upper Arlington and Grandview Heights are continuing to make decisions regarding summer programs.

Mayor Cincione reported the Grandview Heights Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a modified Memorial Day Blue Star Mothers program on May 21, 2020. Veterans will meet at the Parks and Recreation Building on Goodale Blvd. There will be a driving procession to Memorial Park. The procession will be followed by a limited ceremony and a flag raising will take place.

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Mayor Cincione reported First Community Church will be installing their field of flags in honor of Vietnam veterans.

Mayor Cincione suggested that he get small flags from the Grandview Boosters that he and Council Members could install in yards or public spaces around the Village. Ms. Troiano and Ms. Taylor stated they would assist on installing flags around the Village on Saturday, May 23, 2020.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Ford reported the 2020 sewer project is moving forward on schedule. The preliminary work and investigation is complete. Point repairs and relining will begin in June.

Mr. Ford reported the storm sewer intake at the corner of Roxbury Rd. and <sup>Arlington</sup> ~~Cardigan~~ Ave. has been repaired. Ms. Hoag commented the intake in front of Our Lady of Victory is also deteriorating. Mr. Ford stated he and the Fiscal Officer will be putting a project proposal together to address storm sewer intakes throughout the Village.

Mr. Ford reported the process for removing the traffic light at Cambridge Blvd. and W. Third Ave. is moving forward. The stop signs will be installed and the traffic light will be set to blinking red in four directions for several months. Ms. McKay reported 2 comments in opposition to the removal of the light were received at Village hall and 1 comment in favor was received.

Mayor Cincione stated his plan to have Mr. Ford and Council Members consider options for additional traffic calming on Cambridge Blvd. Mr. Jolson asked staff to request additional police monitoring for Cambridge Blvd. Ms. Taylor suggested that the Village borrow a flashing speed limit indicator.

Mr. Ford acknowledged that spot full depth repairs are required at several points on W. Fifth Ave. He stated he is working with Upper Arlington develop a plan to co-ordinate the repairs.

Mr. Ford left the meeting at this point.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ashrawi reported that the owners of 1600 Dublin Rd. are working toward the completion of the PACE Financing for the property. He stated they are working on final numbers for presentation to Council. The Owner's representative hope to have the ordinances and resolution taken off the table and addressed at the June or July Council Meeting. Mr. Ashrawi stated he is also working with the property owner's representative to include an administrative fee to cover the Village administrative expenses.

Mr. Ashrawi reported oral arguments in the Municipal Tax case are complete. He commented that both sides did a good job. He commented that the outcome is hard to predict. He also noted that the normal timeline for a decision is four to six months.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Ms. Ciccone presented options and pricing information for new climbing equipment for the Falco Park playground. She reviewed the proposal from staff submitted to Council including the cost and a link to a three-dimensional rendering of the proposed equipment.

Ms. Hoag and Ms. Taylor expressed their appreciation to Ms. Ciccone for the work done and the final choice. Ms. Troiano stated she likes the age range included in the equipment selected.

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2632-20, An Ordinance accepting a Proposal from Mid-State Recreation for the purchase and installation of a playground climbing structure for Falco Park.

**Ms. Hoag moved to suspend the rules. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Voelker moved the adoption of O-2632-20. Ms. Troiano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

## FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2633-20, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance O-2614-19 (2020 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE) to increase the Appropriation of the Park Fund by \$20,000 from \$15,000 to \$35,000.

No action was taken.

## COUNCIL MEMER REPORTS

Ms. Taylor had no report from the Parks and Recreation Board.

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Ms. Taylor reported she filmed a presentation of the Falco Scholarships for the awards night presentation. However, she stated her disappointment that her video was not used.

## OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced the second reading of O-2630-20, An Ordinance adopting a Budget for the Year 2021 for the Village of Marble Cliff.

Ms. McKay presented the budget numbers and necessary paper work prepared for Franklin County. She reported the necessary public hearing will be held at the beginning of the regular June Council Meeting.

No action was taken

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Cincione introduced the first reading of O-2631-20, An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Execute an agreement to renew the policy with Ohio Government Risk Management Plan for property, liability, wrongful acts, automobile, bond, crime, inland marine and electronic data processing insurance.

No action taken

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Mr. Voelker moved that Council move into Executive Session as allowed by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3). Ms. Troiano seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Voelker yes; Ms. Hoag, yes; Mr. Jolson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Ms. Taylor, yes; Ms. Troiano, yes. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Ms. Troiano moved Council adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in the public meeting. Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

## ADJOURN

**Ms. Troiano moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hoag seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Cincione adjourned the meeting at 9:24 P.M.**

Approved by:

Submitted by:

Dow T. Voelker  
Council President Pro Tem

Cynthia A. McKay  
Fiscal Officer