

CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Jefferson County Farm Bureau • 4200 Gardiner View Avenue • Louisville, Kentucky 40213

February 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Linda Chesser; Councilmembers Helen Arnold, Brett Ashley, Gina Garrett, Phil Johnson, Marlene Welsh, and Tiffany Woodson; and Clerk Aggie Keefe. Absent was Treasurer Jerry Wild.

Pledge of Allegiance — All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

Planting and Labeling Trees on Lillian Wild Walking Path — Cindi Sullivan from CHS Consulting, LLC, presented tree labeling samples for the trees on the walking path. Samples included a small copper tag on a small metal holder at a cost of 70¢ each; a slate piece hanging from a black metal stake at a cost of \$2 each; and an engraved brick, which would cost \$19 each, including delivery. Ms. Woodson expressed concern about how close the trees have been planted to each other on the walking path. Will the trees compete for nutrients, choke each other out, or spread disease? Ms. Sullivan explained that having different varieties of trees planted next to each other is actually beneficial to the trees. Since we have a good variety of trees planted on the walking path, it shouldn't be a problem. Ms. Sullivan also explained that she uses the 3-3-3 rule when it comes to mulching: 3 feet in diameter around the tree; 3 inches deep; and keep mulch 3 inches away from the tree trunk. Ms. Sullivan left the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Trees, Brush, Tree Stumps, and Gutters — Brandon Vincent with County Wide Lawn & Landscaping was at the meeting to present bids on mowing, tree care, and landscaping work for Watterson Park and to answer any questions we might have.

1st Bid: Mowing the walking path, the end of Vineyard to ditch, Gardiner Lane easement between USA Trailers and AWP, around ditch at Gardiner Lane and Gardiner Point Drive, around ditch at Gardiner Lane and Robards Lane, easement at corner of Gardiner Lane and Bishop Lane, Produce Road from Jennings Lane to West Buechel, Stober Road along guard rail, corner of Newburg Road and Champions Trace, and end of Larkmoor Lane. Mr. Vincent explained that the quote is the same as last year's, except for the addition of \$80 for a commercial fuel surcharge. The bid total for 35 mows is \$10,580. A motion was made by Mrs. Welsh and seconded by Mrs. Arnold to approve this bid. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a vote. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

2nd Bid: Mulching, trimming, and spraying. This would include mulching 229 trees; 16 man hours to trim trees in the spring, and 16 man hours to trim trees in the fall; five spraying treatments of landscape beds around trees; and spraying curbs on Gardiner Lane and intersecting streets. The bid total is \$17,954. Included at no cost is trimming the guardrail on Stober Road three times annually. In addition, there is a \$1,950 emergency fund, which would consist of 13 labor hours for a three-man crew. Ms. Garrett made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Mr. Johnson. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a vote. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

3rd Bid: Five weed control applications and two fertilizer applications on the walking path, for a total of \$1,650. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a vote. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

4th Bid: Stober Road clean-up. Included are labor and chipper rental to clean up Stober Road from the overpass to the guardrail as well as other areas behind the guardrail to insure the treeline stays a minimum of four feet from the guardrail. This bid total is \$2,600. Ms. Woodson made a motion to approve the bid; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a vote. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

5th Bid: Remove nine birch trees and stumps along Produce Road at a cost of \$2,550. Included at no cost is removal of ten small stumps at the corner of Newburg Road and Champions Trace along the privacy fence and ditch line, and removal of eight small stumps at the end of Larkmoor Lane along the fence line behind the trees. A motion was made by Ms. Woodson and seconded by Mrs. Welsh to approve this bid. There being no further discussion, the motion was brought to a vote. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.
Mr. Vincent left the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

MINUTES

Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020, legislative meeting as received; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (6-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

As Mr. Wild was not present, there was no treasurer's report for the month of January.

OLD BUSINESS

Labeling Trees on Walking Path — Council examined the three tree labeling options presented by Ms. Sullivan and decided on the engraved bricks. Council members will check the different colors of bricks on the bricksrus.com website and bring their recommendations to the March meeting.

Trees, Brush, Tree Stumps, and Gutters — Mayor Chesser asked Bob Zimlich to tidy up the Bellarmine University property on Champions Trace. It has since been cleaned up.

Newburg Road Sidewalk Project — There was nothing new to report at this time.

Stober Road Flooding — Mayor Chesser reported that she received an email from Norman Hall, the owner of Precision Collision located on Stober Road, stating that he has opened a new location on Shelbyville Road but that he has no plans to close the Stober Road location.

Mayor Chesser reported that Brandon Jones with BTM Engineering checked out the railroad ditch at the end of January. Since there was no greenery on the vegetation, it was easier for him to pinpoint the problems with the ditch. He indicated that the ditch needs to be graded better to provide for adequate slope to let the water run in the right direction. This was mentioned in the letter from MSD to Norfolk Southern. It appears the ditch narrows by the YUM! property; that area has some of the most dense vegetation. Ms. Garrett asked if we couldn't simply divert the water flow. Mayor Chesser will invite Joe Exley, Project DRI Program Administrator with MSD, and two other representatives from MSD along with Brandon Jones and representatives from YUM! and Precision Collision to our April 13 meeting so we can discuss this issue.

Mayor Chesser reported that Attorney Treitz has not received a response from Joe Exley regarding his letter to Norfolk Southern. Mr. Treitz will again reach out to Mr. Exley.

2020 Census — Mayor Chesser reported that we received a packet from the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the Boundary Validation Program. This boundary information is used to tabulate data for the 2020 Census. Included in the packet was a boundaries map of Watterson Park. Both Mayor Chesser and Attorney Treitz reviewed the map, and they both agreed that it appears to be correct. The map was shared with Council members for their approval. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the boundaries map; seconded by Mr. Ashley. All present voted yes (6-0). Mayor Chesser will submit the completed BVP form, which is due by March 1, 2020, to the Census Bureau.

Sanitation Specs — Sanitation specs were distributed to Council members to take home for review. We will finalize the specs at the March meeting. Bids will be due by April 10 and will be opened and read at the April meeting.

Large Trash Pick-up — It was noted that the next large trash pick-up will be April 18, 2020.

Off-Duty Patrol Monthly Shift Postings/Activities Report — Mayor Chesser distributed copies of the most recent Monthly Shift Postings and the Small City Activity Sheet. We have received complaints about speeding on Gardiner Lane. Mayor Chesser said that we are on the list for a speed radar machine, but she doesn't know how long we will have to wait for it. Ms. Woodson asked about the possibility of getting a permanent speed radar machine. Council discussed the possibility of incorporating some additional hours in the monthly shift postings for radar on Gardiner Lane. After discussion, all were in agreement to add two three-hour shifts per month for radar on Gardiner Lane beginning in March. Mayor Chesser will contact Kentuckiana Law Enforcement to set this up.

City Trip — Mrs. Welsh reported that Kentucky Down Under doesn't offer any type of tree program. She spoke with Bernheim Forest, and they don't think they can accommodate us until possibly in the fall. Mrs. Welsh will keep us updated. In the meantime, Ms. Woodson will look at possible trip destinations in the Lexington area.

Street Signs — Mayor Chesser asked Ms. Woodson to check throughout Watterson Park and determine the locations where we need to install or replace street signs. Mayor Chesser will then order the signs from Saf-Ti-Co.

NEW BUSINESS

LMPD 6th Division Citizens Advisory Board Meeting — Mayor Chesser will not be attending the February meeting of this Board.

Poplar Level Road Overpass/Hodel Road/Stober Road — Mayor Chesser reported that after she sent an email to Louisville Metro Councilman Pat Mulvihill asking him to clean up Poplar Level Road from the overpass going south, that area was cleared of debris.

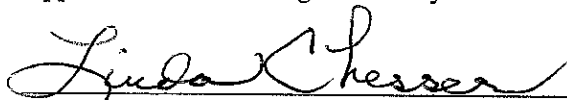
Operation Brightside — Ms. Woodson reported that the spring clean-up will be held on April 11. She will secure T-shirts and supplies for participants. Ms. Woodson will send information on the clean-up to Mrs. Keefe for our website.

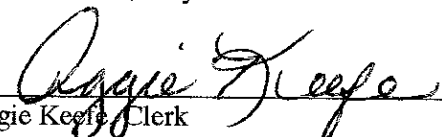
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Woodson. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

All those persons noted as being present at the beginning of this meeting, unless otherwise indicated, remained throughout.

Approved at the meeting of the City Council held on 3-9-2020.


Linda Chesser, Mayor


Aggie Keefe, Clerk

Minutes taken and transcribed by Aggie Keefe.