

Crooksville Workshop Minutes

1/27/2020

Mayor Mohler calls the meeting to order. With the following members present; Mr. Rice, Mr. Locke, Mr. Hampton, Ms. Smith, Mr. Loomis, Mr. Allen. Tom Collins and Amy Utsch were also present.

Corlyn Altier hands out to Council the 2019 financial reports from EMS billing. She updates Council that the revenue received through 12/31/19 was \$276,196.93. There were 716 runs. Billable transports are down by 9%, and revenue is down by 7%. They have sent a total of 687 accounts totaling \$290,175.03 from accounts from 2009-2017. Thus far they have recovered approximately 17% of all accounts sent to AG.

Lesa Gary with the Perry County Health Department is working on a tobacco use prevention grant. She is present to discuss making Village properties including the Village Park, Reed Station, and the Rec Center tobacco free environments. She explains that up to 37% of our youth are exposed to second hand smoke while out in public. She feels that the most important place to make smoke free would be Village Park. There are currently four parks in Perry County that are smoke free facilities. The question is asked if the Park were to go to smoke free, if there could be a designated smoking area. Ms. Gary explains that in order for an area to be considered Smoke Free that there can not be any smoking on the property. The goal of this project is to take the social norm out of smoking. The less children see adults smoking, the less acceptable it becomes. She explains that vaping has become an epidemic, especially among the youth. They have over 700 flavors which they gear towards children. They would like to see a flavor ban on Vape devices. Once the youth are addicted to the nicotine in the vape devices they will be hooked and eventually end up smoking. They understand that the police can not patrol the parks at all times to make sure that no one is smoking, that a great deal of the watch would be on concerned citizens to keep an eye out for those who would smoke in the park. She explains that if the park were to become smoke free, she has a group of children who would come to the park and pick up all cigarette butts, and do a count on them. After one month they would come back and pick up the butts, and do another count to see if the numbers were decreasing due to the Smoke Free signage. She is willing to do surveys in Crooksville to see how citizens feel about making the park smoke free. Many members of Council disagree with making the entire Village Park Smoke free. Tom asks about making the Shelter houses smoke free. Ms. Gary agrees to have signs donated to hang up in the shelter houses to show they are a smoke free facility. She wants Council to know that it is understood that just hanging signs will not eliminate all smoking in the park, but would be a huge deterrent. The less people smoke in public places the less children are going to be breathing in the carcinogens from cigarette smoke. Cigarette butts are the number one most littered item in the world. Ms. Gary explains that she is not trying to get everyone to stop smoking, that the goal of the program is to try and reduce the amount of second hand smoke that children are exposed to while in public areas. Lesa would like Council to take all of the information into consideration and make the park a smoke free facility.

T.J. Glanemann who is on the Fire/EMS introduces his son Colten Glanemann. Colten is currently a senior in high school and will graduate in May. He would like to be a member of the Fire/EMS staff. He has had a background check and everything come back fine.

Shriver's Pharmacy requested Council's approval to have a Community Celebration at their location on Saturday, May 2nd. Council agrees that they have done this in the past and it is a good thing for the community. They do not see any problem with them continuing to do so.

There will be a pre-construction meeting on the Reservoir Breaching Project on Friday, January 31st at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. All members of Council are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Foss-Frash Funeral home would like to start ASAP to build on to their property. There are no utilities at the build site. They would like approval to start the build, prior to the formal approval at the next official Council Meeting on February 3rd. Council sees no reason why they could not start building, and the Building permit will be approved at the next meeting.

Tom lets Sharon Ackers know that he has been in contact with AEP about the street light that she has requested be put up. Sharon wants council to know that she is a non-smoker, but believes that the government is trying to take away people rights by banning smoking in public places.

Fred Redfern would like to see some of the old playground equipment removed, and updated.

Tom wants to let everyone know that they are looking into several items for the park, they would like to get an additional parent/child swing for the park, they are also looking in to the possibility of getting an ADA wheelchair accessible swing. They are also looking into getting umbrellas for the pool area. There will need to be work done on the baby pool because there is a leak. Decisions will have to be made in the future on what direction they want to go in.

Executive Session- ORC 121.22 (G)(1) Personnel, and (G)(2) Real Estate

Out of Executive Session

Bill Hampton wanted to discuss that the Masons would like to work with the school to seek out available funding for Performing Arts Grants to be able to assist in constructing a permanent amphitheater at Village Park, with Council's approval. It would be nice to have to host band concerts, and open stage recitals. Tom has a set of hand drawn plans for a raised gazebo that he will share with Council. They are thinking that something durable and very low maintenance. Bill knows that they have a lot of work to do to be able to make this a reality, this is just at the "dream stage" phase, but you have to start somewhere.

Tom had saved some of the old fire hydrants that had been removed. He is hoping to use them as bollards around the new restroom. He would like to get the art program involved, and have the students paint the fire hydrants to make them unique, and to add character to them. They had previously decorated trashcans for the Village. The children took great pride in working on them, and showing their hard work off to their family. This is a perfect way to get the community involved.

With no further discussion; Mayor Mohler adjourns the meeting.

Chris Mohler

Mayor

Amy Utch

Fiscal Officer

