

EVENDALE COUNCIL FINANCE, RECREATION, GORMAN FARM AND ECAC COMMITTEE MEETING

May 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Present were, Council members Chris Schaefer, Bill Puthoff and Jeff Albrinck, CFO Cynthia Caracci, Recreation Director Kim Pielage, Director of Administration David Elmer, Evendale Cultural Arts Director Susan Gordy, Chris Patterson of Gorman Heritage Farm

Gorman Heritage Farm

Mr Patterson reported that registration is going well for summer camps – approximately 70% full already

Americorp have completed their stay in Evendale. There were 8 team members who worked 7 weeks, contributing approximately 1850 hours and \$40,000 of labor.

The Trosset Wild Flower Sanctuary Grand Opening was well attended. All are invited to visit the farm and experience the flowers. Mr Patterson further informed the committee that the proceeds from the sale of the Trosset house has been deposited into the board controlled fund, until otherwise directed.

The farm board will be meeting with contractors to discuss the repair of the historic buildings.

Miscellaneous

Resident, Michele Gottschlich, presented the update on the proposed bike trail that is intended to connect several communities and parks. Also in attendance with M Gottschlich were Tim Zelek of Great Parks, Stacey Todd from HAMCO Planning, Wade Johnson from Tri-State Trails, Reading Council Representative Bob Ashbrock, and Jim Moyer from Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities. At this time, they are requesting that Evendale support a Memorandum of Understanding among the stake holders, further formalizing the collaboration. The committee was assured that they were not asking for any funding at this time.. On Motion by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Bill Puthoff, the committee unanimously endorsed the MOU and will recommend to full council, accordingly.

Recreation

Ms. Pielage reported that the new Facebook page has been very successful and is growing.

PT hiring agenda will be on the May agenda.

A tennis instructor has backed out and the Rec Dept is advertising for a replacement

Adam Knight has been promoted to full-time, starting at Step 2 pay level.

Finance

Cynthia Caracci reported that April receipts were \$2,287,000, year to date receipts are up more than \$1,000,000 over 2016 and revenues exceed expenditures (excluding Evendale Commons) by more than \$2,000,000.

Ordinance changing banking services to Chase Bank will be on the May agenda. Chase Bank representatives will be in attendance.

May's agenda will also include an Appropriation for the Thru the Valley project.

Evendale Cultural Arts Center

Resident, Sara Pressler presented justification to change the ECAC Director position to full time. Council will have to go into Executive Session to discuss the personnel matter.

Susan Gordy reported that the ECAC is currently renovating space to better accommodate historical artifacts and expand the upper art studio.

The Fine Arts Exhibit is May 5- 8

Administration

Mr. Elmer reported that Fergusons will be moving to Evendale, adding approximately \$3,600,000 in new payroll when fully operational.

May agenda will include a Public Hearing for amendments to the Zoning Code, adding definition of "Micro-brewery", and commercial signage.

Village Crossing, through Equity, has submitted concept plans for a proposed new strip center and Dollar Tree. Both are permitted under current zoning.

On motion by Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, the meeting adjourned at 8:05.