

VILLAGE OF EVENDALE, OHIO
10500 Reading Road
Finance & Recreation Committee Meeting
January 5, 2016
5:00 pm
Council Library, Municipal Building

In attendance were Councilmembers Chris Schaefer, Bill Puthoff and Jeff Albrinck, Mayor Richard Finan, Administrative Asst to the Mayor, David Elmer, Chief Fiscal Officer Cynthia Caracci, Recreation Director Dave Nichols, Chris Patterson and Tricia Watts from Gorman Farm and Susan Gordy from the Evendale Cultural Arts Center. Also in attendance was Stiney Vonderhaar.

Chairman Albrinck opened the meeting in joint session with the Police Fire and Service Committee for the presentation by Michelle Gottschlich and Carolyn Duffy regarding Safe Routes to School. The specific minutes of the presentation are in the Police Fire and Service minutes.

Gorman Farm- Chris Patterson introduced Tricia Watts, Executive Director, to new committee members. After providing the committee with a short overview of her experience, Ms. Watts highlighted the Gorman Farm schedule, with the major events Row by Row dinner on August 20 and Sunflower Festival September 30, October 1, 2.

Mr. Patterson informed the committee that their 2015 report will be ready by the end of January and distributed to the committee prior to the February meeting

GHF will vacate the TLC building by May 1.

GHF has had ongoing discussions with the family of Stanley Trossett regarding the relocation of his extensive wild flower collection to GHF. The family has accepted the necessity to sell the former family home and gardens but have expressed strong desire to preserve the wildflowers.

Related, Mayor Finan directed Dave Elmer to obtain appraisals on each parcel.

Recreation- Dave Nichols reported that the Recreation Commission has amended the skate board policy to include hover boards.

Cultural Arts Center- Susan Gordy was welcomed to the committee and was provided an overview of the purpose of the committee and the commitment to CAC, Ms. Gordy was asked to share her thoughts on the biggest hurdles she faces in expanding programming. She indicated that the largest issue she regularly faces is the inability to retain instructors due to the logistics of transporting equipment and materials within the building. The purchase of an elevator was brought up and the committee made it clear that an expensive all-purpose elevator was not in the budget. The committee did indicate a willingness to consider options to address her concerns but that any decision would be based on a clearly identified and justified need that will directly lead to the success of the CAC.

Finance-Cynthia Caracci reported that the end of year revenues exceeded the 2015 budget and that we ended the year with an unencumbered balance of \$21,328,332.00.

Mayor Finan reported to the committee that Randan Shaw, Village IT Manager, has recommended that the Village phone system be replaced and that current lease prices were preferred due to the flexibility in addressing the ever evolving Village needs

Mayor Finan raised the issue regarding the Wi-Fi system in the Village campus. After discussion of the various areas, it was determined that the Rec Center and CAC should receive first consideration.

The Mayor confirmed that council has been invited to tour Formica on January 22 @ 5:00 AND GE on February 8 @ 5:00.

Enablex Injections will be receiving an award from HCDC.

Mayor Finan shared his thoughts on the potential sale of Village owned property on Inwood Dr. Committee members and differing thoughts and the matter will be evaluated further

Upon motion by Bill Puthoff and seconded by Jeff Albrinck, the meeting adjourned at 7:15.