

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

**September 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

Present were, Council members Chris Schaefer, Bill Puthoff and Jeff Albrinck, Mayor Richard Finan, CFO Cynthia Caracci, Recreation Director Kim Pielage, Director of Administration David Elmer, Evendale Cultural Arts Director Susan Gordy, Chris Patterson and Tricia Watts of Gorman Heritage Farm and Fire Chief Mike Hauck. Visitors were Jennifer Eismeier of the Millcreek Conservancy, Stiney Vonderhaar and Diane Redden.

Jennifer Eismeier of the Millcreek Conservancy District and Evendale's prior commitment to the organization. She requested that the village reinstate the \$20,000 annual commitment, joining Cincinnati and Sharonville.

Fire

Chief Hauck updated the committee on the revised ordinance addressing air quality at Northland Ice and SportsPlus. They have modeled the revised ordinance after the Minnesota statutes, with minor modifications. Chief Hauck expects both ice rinks to accept the new language.

### **Recreation**

Ms Pielage reported that the Service Department has started the demolition of the Evendale Room

The Pavilion Series concluded with show attendance between 160 to 600. The Rec Dept will continue the evaluation of scheduling shows on different evenings.

Phi opened the new school year with an average of 24 8<sup>th</sup> graders joining the teen organization.

### **Gorman Heritage Farm**

Ms Watts reported Evendale residents have responded to the campaign to increase membership, increasing residential membership to over 40 families.

School fieldtrips are booking fast and are approximately 75% booked

The farm has added new signage throughout the farm. GHS will review the location of a few signs to make sure the desired effect is maximized.

Row by Row was well attended and raised over \$30,000. Their goal was \$22,000

Sun Flower Festival is October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

The farm is evaluating the reallocation of land, including reworking the orchard and moving pasture. Chris Schaefer recommended the GHF consult with the Ohio State extension service for objective evaluation of options.

GHF is actively working to fix the BioChar Unit

Chris Patterson reported

Urban Artifacts would like to use a portion of the farm to grow fruit to be added to their craft beers

Plans to schedule a meeting with contractor to review necessary repairs to historical farm buildings

Mr Patterson introduced Jeff Geeding as the new President of the Gorman Farm Foundation. Mr Geeding takes on the new role with a family history of farming

Mr Patterson has also requested that the village renew the \$50,000 contribution, made in 2016 to cover anticipated payroll expenses that would have occurred had the proposed overtime laws gone into effect.

### **Evendale Cultural Arts Center**

The Fine Arts "Winner's Show" will occur Sept 16 and 17. Art & Wine will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00, \$25 per person admission and attendees must pre-register.

The Big Art Party was a big success with over 300 attendees. The Quilt Show was also well attended

Several new lights are in but the balance of the new lighting will not be converted until Duke formally switches over to the new power source.

Cultural Arts Center activity is increasing as they move into fall scheduling.

The Blink Parade will be October 12

The CAC is working on a long range plan to address historical artifacts currently stored in the CAC

### **Finance**

Cynthia Caracci reported that August receipts were \$1,055,000, and year to date receipts are up more than \$550,000 over 2016.

Ms Caracci has vetted several financial services companies and has proposed to the committee that the village consider change the Investment Banking relationship. The committee will meet with Red Tree Investment Group at the October committee meeting.

The September agenda will included 2 ordinances, one adding \$2500 to Community Environment to cover personnel expenses and the other transferring \$1000 to re categorize clerk funds

### **Administration**

Mayor Finan reported that the police department will begin efforts to reduce the coyote population within the village. All activity will occur away from the residential area.

On motion by Mr. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Puthoff, the meeting adjourned at 8:00.