



NOVI PARKS
FOUNDATION

Novi Parks Foundation Board Minutes

August 17, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm via Zoom by President Dave Landry

Present: Jeff Muck, Dave Landry, Rachel Zagaroli, Kim Capello, Sheel Desai, Brian Adams, Charley Staab, Adam Czap

Absent: Randy Balconi, Jennifer Degen, Harry Torimoto

Agenda: Motion by Adam second by Dave to accept the October 19, 2020 agenda

Minutes: Motion by Charley, second by Sheel to accept the August 17, 2020 minutes

Treasurers Report: Sheel gave the following report: PNC Checking: \$9182, PNC Money Market: \$40,679, Soccer fund: \$43,758, Endowment: \$81,377, Naming Rights: \$159,892. A check was written from Naming Rights for the Tim Pope Playground for \$150,000. It was decided that we could move all accounts to one bank once Sheel looks at the interest rates and FICA rates which will make it much easier to do the banking. Motion made by Sheel to move the two Merrill Lynch accounts to PNC, second by Adam. Carried.

Jeff's report: Recreation Center: carry over from last meeting and all plans are on hold for now. **Staff:** Staff is back to work minus the three that were laid off. **Projects:** a few programs have been started but everything must be done the way that has been set into place with the virus. Parks and trails stayed open but people were asked to follow the social distancing rules. All playgrounds are closed. **Lakeshore** is scheduled to open in September but here are many sub-contractor delays. **Tim Pope** memorial went well with a small gathering and a few speeches. Jeff is reaching out to **Joe Zatkoff** about a donation. Wildlife Woods is a go for the pickleball courts within the next two weeks. The Foundation committed \$100,000 to the project however the total may be lower. Jeff will not know how much until the project is completed. Farmington has asked if they could keep the sculptures through next summer for \$1,000. Jeff took it back to the Arts Committee and have said ok. The money will either go to the city or the Foundation, but it needs to be used for Villa Barr. The money for pickleball should be about \$80,000 to \$90,000 instead of \$100,000.

Brainstorming for funding: Dave spoke of the difficulties of going to businesses to raise money since the virus. He thought that maybe we could find small projects for the city that we could fund, anywhere from \$10,000 and up. Jeff suggested basketball courts,

benches along Meadowbrook Rd, a small playground and more pickleball. The benches could have someone's name on them. We need to have a target it would be easier to find money. Jeff is looking for ways to connect trails, focusing on outdoors activities and into the parks. They are trying to find ways to get more activities for seniors, outdoor fitness, chair volleyball and pickleball. Rachel suggested exercise. Stations on the 9 Mile area. Development at the Northwest Park is possible also. Limited softball is going on. Cricket is also playing. Dave would like to start a list of targeted things that we could contribute to. Jeff will bring a list to the next meeting.

Novi Chamber of Commerce: The Foundation usually sponsored a hole, and we had a 4 some. We are going to pass this year.

Rachel paid the board insurance of \$698 and the second payment to the artist in residence.

Dave needs a check for \$20 to the State of Michigan.

Next meeting will be October 19 at 7:15

Motion by Charley to adjourn, second by Dave. Motion carried.

Rachel Zagaroli, Novi Parks Foundation