

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
May 23, 2016

Present: Committee Members LeJeune, Buxton, and Fleck; Council President King; Council Members Larmore and Sovinski; Mayor Hazel; Safety-Service Director Hitchcock; Auditor Strawn; Kevin Sandler, WCSM and Bill Kincaid, The Daily Standard.

Committee Chairman LeJeune called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and asked Director Hitchcock for an update on the parks projects.

Director Hitchcock reported Westview grass areas were seeded and stairs added to high school bleachers. Lakeshore mobile park area has been cleaned up. The walk path at Eastview around the pond was paved today. A welcome to Celina sign was moved to the bike path.

June 11th the Community volunteer day for the parks will be held. From June 13 through 17 Camp Kazoo day camp will be held at Eastview Park.

CM LeJeune stated he would like the City to make the Grand Lake Marathon part of the major identity of Celina. He recommends partnering with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau to put a billboard up in May each year on I-75 promoting Celina as a destination City and host of the Grand Lake Marathon. Mayor Hazel stated the City would need to be conscientious that other events would want the same type of advertisement. CM Larmore stated because it is a qualifier for the big race, they are doing their own advertising. He is concerned about promoting just this event. The City needs to support the event by the putting it on the website and in the utility newsletters. CM Buxton stated it is his understanding that City tax dollars cannot be used for advertising. Mayor Hazel explained it is dependent on what the donation is being used for. The City could not go out and buy a billboard. CM Sovinski stated General Fund money can be used for anything, but the Utility funds cannot be used for this. CM Sovinski asked if the Marathon group is a for-profit or not-for-profit group. Director Hitchcock stated it recently changed hands and is not sure if it is. CM Sovinski further stated he would not like to see marketing done by the City if the group is for profit. President King reported the new organization running the marathon is Can't Stop Running from Piqua. They have a store, therefore he would believe it is a for profit group. CM LeJeune stated this event brings so many people into the City and he would like to keep the momentum running. CM Larmore suggested an events billboard that says the City of Celina welcomes the various events.

Mayor Hazel reported the City is currently putting together a request for qualifications to get an idea of the pricing for a new website.

CM Clausen asked when the bike path around the Westview Park pond will be completed. Director Hitchcock replied he is unsure when it will be paved. The end goal is to have a path that goes all around the pond. There is still drainage work that needs to be completed in the area.

Committee Chairman LeJeune adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Submitted by Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council