

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee

June 15, 2020

Members: Mary Nichols Rhodes
Frank Stams
Jeff Iula

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. All members were present.

The minutes of the May 18, 2020 and June 1, 2020 Public & Industrial Improvements Committee were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-35

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-35

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the Water Works Family Aquatic Center Phase I pool surface refinish project, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Sarah Kline, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance A-35. The pool surface at Water Works Family Aquatic Center is now 20 years old and is reaching its effective life cycle. The resurfacing will occur in the late summer of 2020 and will be completed before harsher weather affects construction schedules. The resurfacing, with proper application and maintenance, will afford the pool surface another 20 years of life expectancy. The Finance Director will be authorized and directed to make payment for same from the Recreation Levy Fund, line item Capital Outlay.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes asked if this project was budgeted at \$100,000. Ms. Kline stated that is correct. Ms. Nichols-Rhodes asked for an update about public measures and whether passes are being sold. Ms. Kline stated that they were able to get the Aquatic Center open this summer. They require social distancing, so patrons are escorted to seats. The concession stand is offering limited options, and people cannot go into the concession stand as they have been able to in years past. They extended preseason pass sales and sold 1,100 passes this year, which is outstanding given the shortened season. They require employees to wear masks with the exception of lifeguards once they are up in the chair. If the temperatures are over 76 degrees, the Health Department said employees do not have to wear masks. There are limits on the number of people that are in the park. They estimate that they will be able to have 1,000 people in the park.

Mr. Iula asked about the picnic pavilion damaged by the tree blowing over and whether it will be repaired. Ms. Kline stated that the pavilion was a total loss. Davey Tree came out and removed the tree, and then park maintenance deconstructed the shelter in time for them to open the following Monday. The shelter was going to be offline this year because of social distancing,

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They will reassess options this fall and spring. They are submitting claims to the insurance company.

Mr. Iula moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-35 with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed (3-0).

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes asked if there was any correspondence received regarding the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee. There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.