Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes August 15, 2022

Members Present: Chris Colvin, Troy Lauffner, Sarah Toth

Guests: Janne Perkins, Kelly Maloney

Chris Colvin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

First item was to decide on the chairman. Chris nominated himself. Troy Lauffner seconded it. All in favor: Chris Colvin, Troy Lauffner, and Sarah Toth

Minutes from the August 17, 2020 minutes approved. All in favor: Chris Colvin, Troy Lauffner, and Sarah Toth

Review of the minutes were discussed. The committee will be reaching out to Friends of the Park and the Wayne Local School District to seek out information on the current status of Bicentennial Park. The school district currently is maintaining the park but the committee would like to know if the funds from 2020 are still available and if further maintenance projects are needed. The superintendent and a representative from Friends of the Park will be invited to the next meeting in hopes to learn more.

Janne Perkins presented information about concerns for the need of a baseball/softball field for the community. There are several children from the community that are on the recreation league but due to the lack of fields for practice and play, they do not get much time to play. Discussion around the building of the baseball/softball fields included being able to work with Wayne Township and Warren County on Hisey Park fields to improve the fields and bathroom for the recreational league to use with Waynesville helping to support since our community members will be using the park. Further discussion by Kelly Maloney, representing the Mary L. Cook Library and former committee member, also included the question of building a park in town with a playground. The desire would be close to the library.

Chris will reach out to Chief Copeland about empty property in town where the possibilities of parks can be created. Different types of parks were talked about including a Par Course, dog park, skate park, and splash pad (last choice).

Meetings will be scheduled on Mondays. The next meeting will be September 19, 2022 at 6 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 6:44 pm. Troy made the motion. Sarah seconded it. All were in favor.