

Facilities, Parks & Marina Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 7, 2022, @ 8:15 am

The Rossford Facilities, Parks, and Marina committee met on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 8:15 am at city hall. In attendance were Greg Marquette, Bob Toth, Robert Ruse, Todd Audet, Tyler Kolb, Toby Ledesma, Kelly O'Boyle, and Allyson Murray. In the audience was Louie Bauer.

Todd Audet discussed the status of the Indian Hills property. After the 106 study, it is unlikely the city would be able to build anything at this site. Mr. Audet recommends demolishing the building and perhaps covering the front five acres for use as ballfields or greenspace, then maintaining the trails. Mr. Ruse asked if the city could develop a plan to utilize the adjacent former landfill property as well as any useable space at the Indian Hills site.

Administrator Murray discussed the Clean Vessel Act Grant and monies the city was awarded to replace the pump-out station at the Marina. Mr. Ruse asked if Ms. Murray could speak with ODNR about tying this grant to the Vets Park Concession grant allowing the sewer work for the new concession building to tie into the new pump-out station at the Marina. Ms. Murray said she would contact ODNR to follow up.

The parcels at 545, 527 & 529 Glenwood Road were discussed. All three parcels were appraised for a total of \$92,000 by an independent appraiser. Louie Bauer, the owner of the parcels was in attendance. Mr. Marquette asked Mr. Bauer the price for his properties. Mr. Bauer began shouting the city was engaged in dirty games and had cost his family money. Mr. Marquette began to speak; Mr. Bauer interrupted and again began shouting the appraisals were corrupt, the city had refused to give him the information and name of the company providing the appraisals. Mr. Marquette once again attempted to ask Mr. Bauer the price he wanted for his properties and rather than giving an amount Mr. Bauer kept shouting that everyone was corrupt and that perhaps he should bring a suit against the city for not purchasing his properties last year. Mr. Ruse and Mr. Marquette once again asked Mr. Bauer the price he wanted for his properties. Rather than answer, Mr. Bauer continued shouting about being able to sell his properties for senior condos for more than the city had offered him. Mr. Ruse made a motion to purchase Mr. Bauer's properties for \$100,000. Mr. Marquette seconded the motion and all committee members voted yes. Mr. Bauer began shouting that it was going to cost the city a whole lot more than that to buy his properties. All members of the committee as well as Ms. Murray suggested that Mr. Bauer sell his properties to a developer for senior condos, as the city did not wish to stand in the way of his property sale.

A short discussion took place on the Eagle Point School Property with the committee recommending that the city once again put out a Request for Proposals for that site.

Mr. Ruse would like the city to look into a preliminary plan to build a walkway from Beech Street Park pickleball courts to the bridge on Glenwood then on to the Pickleball courts by the post office to be completed by June 1, 2023, in time for the National Pickleball Tournament. A plan for a new footbridge across the creek with connecting trails is still the long-term goal for connecting the pickleball courts, but cannot be completed by June 1, 2023.

Ms. Murray will continue to look for a solution for the fountain in front of city hall prior to spring of 2023, and will also continue to plan for updates to city council chambers. Mr. Ruse advised council could meet at the library or the Annex while the updates were completed.

The committee meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.