



SHAKER HEIGHTS

Recreation Committee Agenda Via Zoom Meeting Wednesday, July 1, 2020; 6:00 PM

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1. Approved March 2020 Minutes

Documents:

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2. Dehumidifer Capital Appropriation Request

Documents:

[DEHUMIDIFIERCAPITALAPPROPRIATIONREQUESTRECREATIONCOMMITTEE07012020.PDF](#)

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**Recreation Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2020
6 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers**

Members Present: Earl Williams, Council Member, Chairperson
Carmella Williams, Council Member
David E. Weiss, Mayor
Jeri Chaikin, CAO
Anne Williams, Council Member
Sharyn Lowenkamp, Citizen Member
Alexandria Nichols, Recreation Department Director
Tim Richards, School Representative
Lisa Cremer, School Board Representative
Jonathan Kraft, Citizen Member
Troy Neujahr, Citizen Member

Others Present: A. Johnson, Resident
R. Madison, Resident
G. Johnson, Resident

CALL TO ORDER

Earl Williams, Council Member, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Council Chairperson, Earl Williams

Review and Approval of February 5, 2020 Minutes

Earl Williams, Council Member, Chairperson

Minutes from February 2020 were reviewed and approved as written.

New Bench Donation Program

Over the past several years the City has been asked about memorial bench donations. Residents would like to be able to donate a bench in parks throughout the city. The Recreation Department and the Planning department have collaborated on a plan and guidelines that allows for these benches to be donated. These benches will have a recognition plaque and cement pads and the donor would pay for the expense of the benches. The City will maintain them for a period of 10 years under an agreement

Questions:

Will the style of bench's be limited to the two that the City has selected?

Answer: Yes, the city is actively trying to have a branded look throughout the parks in the city. The City is also committed to providing a high quality bench that will last 10 years.

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What type of benches are these and how much maintenance is required?

Answer: The metal on the benches is powder coated to prevent rust and these benches are high quality to withstand the northeast Ohio seasons for a lengthy period of time. The representative from the company is local and very responsive to whatever the City might need.

There was also concern about the bench cost because the agreement said \$2,500 or market value. It was suggested that this language be a finite cost and be updated annually to reflect current pricing.

The original agreement included language that stated if a bench was vandalized or destroyed the City would pay for the replacement cost one time and the donor would pay for additional costs if needed. The committee thought this was punitive and asked that this be removed. The City will update the agreement to reflect all repair or replacement costs are the responsibility of the City.

Does the City also provide a tree donation program?

Answer: Yes, the City provides a tree donation program that is managed by the Public Works Department. Similar to the bench donation program, residents are given two options to choose from and once selected the City will plant the tree. Additionally, the committee thought it would be of value to have a brick donation program as well.

There was some conversation with regard to marketing and promotion of the Commemorative Bench Donation and it was recommended that the City promote via the website and social media.

Are there any guidelines on the text of the plaque that will be placed on the bench?

Answer: Yes, the City has the right to accept or refuse the proposed plaque language selected by the donor if the City deems it inappropriate or controversial.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Earl Williams, Council Member
Chairperson, Recreation Committee



Memorandum

To: Members of Recreation Committee
From: Alexandria Nichols, Recreation Director
cc: Mayor David E. Weiss
Chief Administrative Officer Jeri E. Chaikin
Date: July 1, 2002
Re: Request for Capital Appropriation for Replacement Part for Thornton Ice Rink
Dehumidifier

In late 2019 the Recreation Department Maintenance staff noticed a lot of condensation in the ice rink and requested a repair technician to look at the dehumidification system and identify the problem. In early 2020 the technician identified that the desiccant wheel on the dehumidifier had gone bad. The desiccant wheel is primary component in the machine responsible for the removal of moisture from the air. This part can be likened to the engine of a car in which a car cannot operate without an engine. Without the dehumidifier, the rink will have increased condensation and this is corrosive to the facility and creates an unsafe skating atmosphere. The cost to replace the desiccant wheel, including labor, is estimated to be about \$20,000.

In 2018, a rink study was conducted and the summary report includes the dehumidifier as a suggested improvement based upon age of the equipment. As a part of Forward Together, the City is considering updates to Thornton Park along with other projects by the City, Schools, and Library in an effort to collaborate on large capital projects. However, this plan has not yet gotten to the phase where serious discussions have begun around rink improvements.

Replacement of the dehumidifier unit is estimated to be between \$100,000 and \$125,000 and these units typically last 20 years. The current dehumidifier was installed in 1998 and if the desiccant wheel is replaced, it is estimated that the unit will have another 10 more years of use before requiring replacement. Replacement of the wheel is aligned with Forward Together plans in that the City is not spending a lot of money on this capital item when future plans could include higher capital spending on the rink.

Although the rink has been closed since March due to COVID-19, there are discussions about resuming operations on some level and it would be important to have the dehumidifier working properly. It is requested that the Recreation Committee recommend to Council a capital appropriation for \$20,000 for the replacement and installation of the desiccant wheel on the Thornton Park Ice Rink dehumidifier. The wheel is proprietary so there is only one quote but the installation will be competitive to ensure the City receives the best pricing.