

**CLYDE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Work Session – July 26, 2016**

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 222 N. Main Street, Clyde, Ohio for the sole purpose of a Thaddeus Hurd Park discussion. Mayor G. Scott Black called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Mayor G. Scott Black  
Vice Mayor Kenneth Dick  
Council Member Jean Jackson  
Council Member Steve Keegan  
Council Member Gary Smith  
City Manager Paul H. Fiser (Not voting)  
Clerk of Council Janet R. Dickman (Not voting)  
Deputy Clerk of Council Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)

**Absent/**

**Excused:** Finance Director Craig Davis (Not voting)  
Solicitor Zachary J. Selvey (Not voting)

Visitors: Nancy Huey, Maranda Dean, Al Hench

Nancy Huey and Maranda Dean attended a Recreation Board meeting and presented their plans for playground equipment for Thaddeus Hurd Park. Now they would like to share this information with Council. Mr. Dick noted Nancy and Maranda have done a lot of preliminary work on this project, getting ideas, taking pictures, etc. They understand this project may proceed at “baby steps” due to the large expense.

Maps of the park, showing placement of the proposed equipment, were available. A drain/catch basin in the park will necessitate some items to be moved. They would like to have the sidewalk go all the way around the park, past each attraction, so that park guests can visit each station.

The percussion station will be closest to the entrance and would have two xylophones, two chimes and one set of bongos. These items could be used by anyone with any level of mobility. The warranties for the equipment varies between five to twenty years.

Next would be the reading station, which could also be used by bible schools, scouts, schools, the library, etc.

The wheelchair swing would be placed near the road in an attempt to deter any vandalism. Adults or children in wheelchairs could wheel up on the swing, close the guard to keep the chair in place and someone could swing them. Nancy is looking for concrete and fencing (maybe Adkins) to be donated. Nancy and Maranda will be facilitating donation requests; they are not requesting any funding from the City. Mr. Fiser stated the City will take care of any excavation needs.

Current play structures in the park will be removed.

The kindergartner play structure would have toy vehicles; including, maybe a fire truck (possibly with a donation from the Fire Department) and a police car (possibly with a donation from the Police Department).

All new play structures are ADA accessible.

An “egg” attraction is designed to be attractive to autistic children.

The fitness area has all outdoor fitness equipment. This would allow everyone to participate and to work out without needing to be a member of a gym. Possibly a yoga class could be held at this location. Some fitness equipment would allow accessibility to wheelchair participants.

An advantage to having everything installed all at once is that the installer would deliver and inventory the equipment and provide security for everything during the 72 hours it would take for the complete installation to occur.

Handicap accessible and regular picnic tables would be available.

A breakdown list of the proposed pricing would allow varying types of businesses and civic organizations to invest at varying price levels in this project. All of Sandusky County will be offered a chance to participate. The more people who make monetary donations, hopefully the more people there will be to take pride in the park and defend/protect it to keep it nice.

Mr. Dick feels this ADA park will attract visitors from surrounding communities.

Maranda suggested trimming the pine trees that are near the Forest Street entrance to make the entrance safer (not allow anyone/anything to hide in the branches) and more inviting.

Mr. Fiser reported that LED lights will be ordered tomorrow, to be placed inside the park. These new lights were made possible with a donation of half of the amount by the Clyde Exchange Club and the remainder donated by the City Electric Department. These lights will be connected through Clyde Light & Power and will be lit between dusk and dawn. Nancy discussed having new lights around the basketball court with a timer on them; after further discussion it was decided this would not be needed.

Regarding the parking lot on Cherry Street, discussion ensued regarding policing of this lot (this would be difficult since it is in the public right of way), who should be parking there (this should not be extra parking for residents who live in this area) and when cars should be parked there (during park hours, dawn to dusk).

Nancy would like this park to be a beautiful place, with possibly a butterfly garden, where community members could have parties, could have pictures taken, etc.

Another attraction being considered is a Sign language panel, which would have the Braille alphabet on it. A Sensory Garden had been discussed before, but that is another group's project.

Nancy and Maranda will research how the monetary donations can be maintained until the money is expended. They will also need to find a tax exempt option for the donating businesses to use to be eligible for a tax donation (maybe ask ClydeScope).

Melanie Allen, a new Rec Board member, is experienced with writing grants and could help Nancy and Maranda. A suggestion was made to get input from Port Clinton regarding how they got funding for a community park that they built. Is there an age limit for participants in a community build, or could school age children help (unknown at this time). The wheelchair swing would be a good a good Eagle Scout project.

Color options for the equipment and for the ground materials are available. The goal is to have it bright, inviting and engaging. It has to be a happy place.

Will there be donation acknowledgements (yes, either plaques on pieces of equipment or one large sign).

The goal is to have the Percussion and the Story Time pieces in place by this time next year. This would be a big help to encourage the community to get behind this vision and help this project progress.

Nancy and Maranda met with multiple different playground equipment companies and reviewed their references before deciding to go with PlayTime.

The merry-go-rounds will have regular seats with straps and bucket seats with straps. Various swings will accommodate many sizes of children and adults.

The flow of the attractions is good throughout the park. Everything will be an even grade, from the walk way to the fall zone.

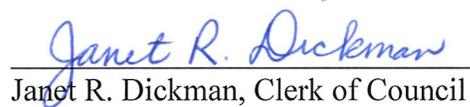
Miscellaneous:

Mr. Dick reported that Whirlpool won their settlement against Samsung.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Black announced the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

  
G. Scott Black, Mayor

  
Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council



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VISITOR SIGN-IN

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