



SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 12, 2019

The Town of Cedar Point Mayor and staff conducted a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and hear public comments concerning the pursuit of the PARTF (Parks and Recreation Trust Fund) Grant. This grant, if awarded, would be applied towards the acquisition of the Masonic Park Property.

Mayor Hatsell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Hatsell, Commissioners Nash and F. Winberry, Town Administrator Seaberg, Town Clerk Calhoun and public

Mr. Seaberg presented a brief overview of the grant requirements as well as aerial photos of the Masonic Park Property. Mr. Seaberg stressed the Town's desire to pursue passive recreation as the focal point once this property was acquired. The amount to be secured for purchase will be \$2.25 million.

Town Clerk Calhoun then spoke about the survey that was conducted amongst the residents in February. The top 3 items the respondents wished to see at the property were walking/hiking paths, kayak launch and a dock or pier for fishing. Ms. Calhoun reiterated the vision to keep the property as it is, natural and free from any development, other than perhaps a restroom facility.

The floor was then opened for public comments.

Ms. Pam Redfearn is excited for the dock and fishing, and an opportunity to take her grandchildren there for walks and outdoor activities.

Ms. Lindsay Ehlers moved to Cedar Point from Raleigh. She stated that there were many parks and walking trails there and was very happy that Cedar Point would be offering a park with walking trails. She also was very eager to volunteer wherever her help may be needed once the Town acquires the property.

Ms. Mary Beth Reindl expressed concern over property being developed with condominiums and being near her rear property line. Ms Calhoun assured her that there would be no development of this type. Ms. Reindl expressed relief that no housing development would be located at this property.

Mr. Don Redfearn, Town Public Works Supervisor, believes it will not take long once we acquire the property to get the clean up done for a main foot path. He is excited for this process to begin.

Mr. Seaberg stated that closing should be at the end of April.

Ms. Peggy Moore inquired about safety and would there be staff or a deputy to patrol the park. Mr. Seaberg explained that the hours would be dawn to dusk, and the deputy would most definitely patrol to ensure public safety. She is very excited about this property becoming part of the Town and offered to volunteer when the time came.

Mr. Bill Cunningham wanted to know if the park would have lighting to further enhance safety. Mr. Seaberg stated that there would be some lighting, especially at the parking lot as well as the water front, but due to the dawn to dusk hours, lighting may not be a significant issue.

Mr. Rodney Nevinger was concerned over a large parking lot being constructed and an increase in traffic. Mr. Seaberg reassured him that there's approximately 2 acres being devoted to the parking lot area.


Mayor Hatsell expressed the Town's desire to hire a design firm to help create a long-term plan for this property, with all these concerns, thoughts and ideas illustrated within that plan.

Ms. Christy Baldwin asked if there would be improvements to the gateway entering the park, primarily a larger gateway to make ingress and egress easier. Mr. Seaberg stated that there has been preliminary discussions concerning the widening of the single entrance/exit to the property to better facilitate traffic flow.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.


Scott Hatsell, Mayor


Jayne Calhoun, Town Clerk