

**Village of Mariemont
Regular Council Meeting
August 23, 2021**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Mr. Bartlett, Mrs. Graves, Dr. Lewis, Mrs. Rankin, Mr. Stelzer and Mr. York.

Mayor Brown brought to the attention of Council that Mr. York's mother passed away and he wanted the York Family to know that the Village sends thoughts and condolences.

Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mrs. Graves to accept the minutes as written for the Council Meeting August 9, 2021. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Communications:

*From Swim Pool Manager Schad: July 2021 Monthly Report. Dr. Lewis asked for YTD figures. Mayor Brown will supply the numbers to Dr. Lewis. Mr. Stelzer said the pool is up approximately 25% in revenues due to increases in rates, swim team fees and swim lessons. They plan to survey those who did not renew this year.

*From Council Member Stelzer: Email Dated August 19, 2021 re: Bell Tower Batting cage & Field Turf Program. Mr. Stelzer said approval is need by Council for the gross spending on this project not to exceed \$19,000. It will be to replace the batting cage that was damaged several years ago. The field turf is being donated which will be installed not only in the batting cage but also the practice area surrounding it. Our insurance carrier will cover \$4400 of the cost once the repair has been completed and the invoice paid. Mariemont Recreation has secured a \$5,000 contribution from Wells Fargo towards this project and a Mariemont resident will contribute additional funds so there will be no net cost to the Village. We can reduce the cost by \$2700 by having the Service Department perform the grading work. The project is targeted to be complete by October/November 2021. Council unanimously agreed to the project with the gross expense not to exceed \$19,000.

Permission To Address Council:

Ms. Karen Fallon, 6966 Murray Avenue, was granted permission to address Council. In 2018 she brought to the attention of Council the matter of the Duke Energy wooden poles. She distributed pictures for Council's review. Some have been removed, but 14 still remain. She is concerned about the low hanging hires being a safety hazard as squirrels are gnawing on them. In addition, orange cones are placed in a hole left by the removal of a pole. She asked the Council what can be done to address both the aesthetic and safety issues. Mayor Brown said he has had several conversations with Duke Energy, Spectrum and Cincinnati Bell representatives to try to resolve this issue. It is a frustrating because nothing gets done fast because they seem to indicate the other owns ownership of the matter. For the moment he has concentrated on getting the poles out along the Murray Path. Ms. Fallon said she also has concerns regarding the pavement on Murray Avenue between Plainville and Berwick. Mrs. Graves said that is actually Columbia Township and they have committed to paving that part of the road. It will be preliminary work before they do actual grading work to work on the drainage and curb issues. Ms. Fallon asked that the Village secure the committment in writing from Columbia Township. She has had numerous conversations with Columbia Township and Mike Lemon regarding this issue. She has offered her help in any way she can to find a solution to both of these issues.

Motion To Pay Bills:

Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to pay the bills as approved by the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Committee Reports:

Miscellaneous:

Taste of Mariemont will be held Sunday August 29, 2021 at the Bell Tower. Mayor Brown encouraged all to attend this fundraiser for MPF.

Village Offices will be closed in Observation of Labor Day, Monday September 6, 2021.

The Pup Parade will be held Saturday September 11, 2021. For additional information, please visit the Village website.

Rallye Porche Mariemont will be held September 18, 2021.

Mayor Brown referred to the Safety Committee Invisible Fence setback requirements. It is not presently addressed in the code and any recommendation for setbacks to the property line would require new legislation.

Resolutions:

“An Emergency Resolution To Accept the Material Terms of the One Ohio Subdivision Settlement Pursuant to the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding and Consistent with the Terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement Agreement” had a first reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Dr. Lewis to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Resolution had a second reading. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said the lawsuit against the drug companies resulted in the State of Ohio receiving money which will be distributed to municipalities. Mariemont is estimated to receive approximately \$23,000. He will look into the approved usage for the funds. The Resolution had a third reading. Mrs. Rankin moved, seconded by Mr. Bartlett to adopt the legislation. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mr. Bartlett moved, seconded by Mrs. Rankin to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-30-21 was adopted

Ordinances:

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

William A. Brown, Mayor

Anthony J. Borgerding, Fiscal Officer