

**Village of Higginsport
Village Council Special Meeting
October 23, 2023**

The Council of the Village of Higginsport met in special session at the Village Municipal Building on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with all members present except Anthony Moon.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the baseball field riverfront redevelopment and playground equipment placement at the village park.

Also, present were: Police Chief Shawn Elliott, Solicitor DJ Osborne, Dustin Faul, Sandy Beair, Dean Miracle, Matt Adams, Tricia Wood, Tina Germann, Diane Weaver, Margaret Wood, Scott Wilburn, Chris Bishop, Mark Fester and Linda Fester.

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Presentation

Mark and Linda Fester presented information including project plans, the grant and funding process for the proposed Baseball Field Riverfront Redevelopment project that would be made possible through the Appalachian Community Grant Program if awarded to the Village.

Mr. Fester expressed that the application process would include meeting with the community for their input regarding the project. He expressed that the project would have no impact on the resident's property taxes and that it would enhance the village and would be totally funded by the grant.

A discussion ensued with questions and comments from those in attendance with many expressing their support of the proposed project. Mayor Crawford inquired as to the future existence of the ball field itself if the project was completed. He reported that he had been contacted by the family of Slim Sallee with their concerns of the ball field no longer existing. Mr. and Mrs. Fester stated if the project was completed the ball field as it is today would no longer exist however the history of Slim Sallee and the ballfield would be preserved. Mayor Crawford also inquired as to the village's costs of liability insurance for the renovated park. It was expressed that at this time it is not possible to determine those costs.

Additional Business

Mr. Beair reported that the donated playground equipment has been obtained and expressed his appreciation to all those that assisted with dismantling and picking up the equipment as well as the City of Montgomery for their assistance.

Mr. Beair presented plans for the placement of the donated equipment in the park and requested direction from Council as to whether they wished to keep the existing wooden playset. Mr. Beair recommended the wooden set be dismantled and salvaging any good parts from it. A discussion ensued regarding the matter with Ms. Wills recommending the Parks & Recreation Committee meet to discuss the matter further and present it to Council at the next regular meeting.

Motion by: Mrs. Adams, seconded by: Mr. Null, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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Eddie Crawford Jr., Mayor

Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer

Kathy Adams, Council Member

Patrick Elliott, Council Member

Linda Wills, Council Member

Scott Null, Council Member

Lester Beair, Council Member

Anthony Moon, Council Member