

LCA Meeting Notes 3/24/22

Present: Mary A Snyder, Dave Stallsmith, Jeff and Teri McCormack, Diane Watson, Gary Branson, Diane Evans, Peggy Lightfoot, Brian Lighty (?), Karen Zimmerman, Connie Kendall, John Haupt, Tim Studer, Rose Rudd, Rhonda Burggraf

Lindsey S. lead us in prayer.

Gary Branson and Diane Watson from the Marion Library, representatives from the quilter group and Masons were present. The group discussed the LCA leasing the modular from the Village. The question is whether each group is willing to help financially keep up on the utilities etc. to keep the building operational.

Barb said the Area Council on Aging supplied a \$3,000 stipend to help defray costs of the utilities at the building. In 2020 the utilities were \$4,373.73/year or \$364.48/month. In 2021 the utilities were \$5,073.96/year or \$422.83/month. Currently there is no water or sewer bill associated with the modulars. Diane Evans said that she would have to ask the Village if they are willing to take on that bill for the modular or whether the LCA would have to pay for those utilities also.

The library raised issues about ongoing maintenance for the building as well as internet access and ongoing IT issues, when the building would be open for users and how to monitor the equipment for security.

The quilters use the modular a couple of hours a week and use the space for storage. The Masons use the building the first and third Mondays of the month for a couple of hours in the evening. There is some interest in volunteers to come and watch the space and supply Library resources.

The library is open to look at using the modular as a drop off/pick up location. They will look at their finances to see if they can help defray the expense of the modular.

Connie made a motion to accept the funds from the Area Agency on Agency and lease the modular from the Village until the end of 2022. Dick seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The Masons, quilters and Library will take this issue back to their respective groups to figure out what financial help they can give toward the payment of the utilities for the rest of the year.

Gary would like to look at the modular. Barb and he will get together in April or May to tour the building.

The school is also checking to see if they can help pay because they use it as a site for summer meals.

Rhonda read the secretary's report and it was approved.

Connie gave the treasurer's report. There is \$57,595.83 in the treasury. She reported on the sale of t-shirts and jerseys for the June Bang. She also reported on the number of craft vendors and food trucks that have paid to take part as well as those who have not yet paid. Connie is in negotiations with the inflatable company about their price and the possibility of them being a sponsor.

The insurance bill is due. Ed moved that we pay the insurance bill of \$397.00. Mark seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The Youth Athletic Association of LaRue asked the LCA for a donation for a new banner. Mark made a motion to make the donation of \$150 to the Association for a new banner. Jeff seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The County Classified ads for the June Bang will cost \$38.25/week for a two-by-three color ad. It is \$76.50 for two weeks.

Barb said that she met with the Richwood Bank about building the LCA website. A discussion was held about the number of ducks to be sold online vs. the number of ducks to sell in person.

Diane gave an update on the water issues in the Village. She met with RCAP, Access Engineering and Artisan Pioneer and applied to the EPA for a grant/loan for repairs to the plant. She met with the County Commissioners who are still positive, but they want more information. They asked her to contact Aqua Water about options that they may be able to help with (i.e. Running water into the Village, then buying the plant or managing the plant).

Today she met with the Commissioners, Evelyn and Ken from Regional Planning and Access Engineering. Conversation was held about loan forgiveness on an old loan for a loan at 0% interest which may be an overall cost savings. The Commissioners agreed that ARP money for the engineering issues could be rolled back into the grant.

She will not have any solid information for a month and then the money/project will not flow until at least 2023.

She explained that they are taking steps to try to make the situation better such as flushing the hydrants. However, it helps some households in the Village but not everyone. They are rotating where they do the flushing in the Village to try to help everyone with improved water quality.

She discussed that some lines and valves will be replaced during the St. Rt. 95 road work project. At that time, hydrants will also be added. There was discussion about using wells in town. EPA will not allow it.

Tim supplied an update on the Market. He has moved home made pies and cakes back up front in the store. They will also start making pizza again.

Barb asked the Fire Department to check into whether they can put boats on the river to gather the ducks (without fighters getting into the water). FD said they would look into it.

Evelyn spoke with Barb and advised her that the Ohio Department of Transportation grant for a walk/bike trail is open again. The group discussed the old quote several years ago for \$75,000 for a 9-foot-wide path. The quote is now \$105,000, but \$75,000 if the path is only six foot wide. This grant is due by mid-April. Mark suggested talking to the Kiwanis Village to make sure that the layout of the path is accessible to those residents.

Teri let the group know that poker run is planned during the June Bang celebration for Saturday the 11th. A bar owner in Kenton will organize the run (he has interest in this project because he knows that we want to have ADA accessible and sensory items in the park); have Coonies be a stop on the run; and funds to help the New Park Fund. The group will work together to build a basket for a raffle at Coonies to generate extra funds. Details of the event are still being developed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.