

At the home of Barbara Stofcheck

Present: Connie, Deb, Cheryl, Barbara and Rhonda

Barbara read the last meeting's minutes.

Connie advised that the ODNR and the Water works grants are on hold until next year. Cheryl made contacts about a grant for playground equipment. This grant is funded by the Health Department. (Erin Creegin 740/360/7774) She will ask Pepsi if they have grant opportunities.

We received the Block grant which is worth \$40,000. Barbara passed out budget information.

The group discussed creating "phases" of the project and what should be in each of those "phases." Suggestions were made for a putt-putt course.

Once we get information regarding the Community Foundation grant, a sponsorship letter can go out to request sponsorships for the project. Mid-Ohio Electric Cooperative should be added to the sponsor list.

Grant funding may come from the following places: Modern Woodman, Julie Prettyman (Community Foundation), Ron Cramer, Kiwanis, Rotary, Evelyn at Regional Planning, Lion's Club. Nancy Hafer previously did an Elgin fund raising selling walk pavers – she may have some information about this fundraiser. Other fund-raising options are an adopt or purchase a tree; approaching other civic clubs and organizations: Girl and Boy Scouts, FFA groups.

Jason Johnson arrived and set up a visual display of the project. He discussed that we need a site assessment to determine any pre-existing conditions. These needs will dictate what the priorities are for the project.

The Village needs to be contacted to determine what is actually at the site (utilities, wells, cisterns, old structures, electric, water, and sewage). What was left when the school was razed? (Dan Gilliam from Elgin may have some insight as to what is left). Connie will ask the water tower site researcher to do an evaluation of whole site. What will our needs be for water pressure and electric? The adjacent area also needs to be assessed.

Jason can do the site assessment, but we need to expect change orders which can affect the overall budget for the project. (work value of approx. \$3500). Phil Wright (sanitary engineer) may be able to do a site assessment for us. The following people may be able to help with information as to the site: Health Dpt., Engineer's Office – Charlie Walker/Roger Dietrich, and Holcombs.

Jason listed the expenses of the project as he thought we wanted to go forward. We have the Block grant \$40,000. Phase one can include the playground equipment. Need \$5,000 to get the contractor to the site but then can use the community as volunteer work. We can save 20% of the total cost by asking the community to help. He suggested that we put Fibar down underneath the play structure. It needs some maintenance, but he believed that it was worth the safety of the play area.

Connie will talk to the Village about the site assessment.

The meeting was adjourned.

