

**Village of Ravenna
Regular Meeting
March 1st 2016
Amended 4/5/16**

The regular meeting of the Ravenna Village Council was called to order by President Dennis Wildfong at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: Dennis Wildfong, Kathy Bensinger, Steve Dohm, and Bill Leszinske

Absent: Harold Drake- Excused

Also: S. Patterson DPW supervisor, Clerk Hazen, Mike Pierson of the Ravenna Independent, Kerry Rattinger & Gary Clevenger of Republic Services and Tadjia Widojkovich.

Leszinske moved **Bensinger** seconded to approve the February 2nd Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. 4/0

Dohm moved **Leszinske** seconded to approve the March 1st Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion carried. 4/0

Public Comment: Kerry and Gary of Republic Service were present to give a presentation on the recycling program and changes. The village will make their decision at next month's meeting whether to go with the 65 gallon receptacles or the 95 gallon, both of which are at the Village office for residents to view. The current totes are 18 gallon. Republic will not be collecting these as they may be used for over flow if the other totes are full. If you choose to return them, you may do so at the Village office. This will NOT add any additional cost to the resident's but it will make recycling a cleaner process with less of the loose recyclables blowing around on windy days. The village will have the option to stay on the every other week pick up or every 4th week.

Resident and Planning Commission member Tadjia Widojkovich was present to propose a Butterfly Sanctuary/Children's Memorial Garden on the village property behind The Dollar General adjacent to Thatcher Park. The council, in full support, gave Mr. Widojkovich the go ahead to look into the possibility of using the village property for the Butterfly Sanctuary/Children's Memorial Garden.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the Ravenna Summer Rec from President Bill Funk requesting permission to use Conklin Park for games April – July 2016, \$100 deposit was received. Approval was given.

Committees and Employee Reports: **Parks committee** met with John Bonthuis and Art Homoly to discuss their bid and everyone had the same understanding of what was required. Work will begin as stated when weather permits. Dohm had been approached to build a butterfly garden in Conklin Park in memory of Peter and Erika Kubasiak.

Dohm moved **Bensinger** seconded to allow Alyssa Hogan and Andrea Helsen to put the 45 x 12 butterfly garden in Conklin Park on the hill behind the baseball fields. Motion Carried 4/0

DPW: DPW supervisor Patterson reported that they have been working on removing the dead trees at Conklin Park. Patterson also noted that there are many stumps left that should be ground. Patterson is still checking on prices for a new Snow blower/mower combo. Patterson reported that the DEQ wants all the business cross connections inspected and updating of the ordinance is recommended. Patterson received the report from Dixon Engineers who inspected the water tower in September. One conclusion was that the water tower needs to be sandblasted and repainted within 5 years. The cost would be around \$226,000. The water tower was last painted over 17 years ago. Another conclusion was to install a cathodic protection system for \$20,000.

Patterson also informed the council on several complaints they have received regarding the vandalism, smoking and dealing of drugs at Conklin Park. The Village has contacted both the School and Sheriff's department for assistance.

John Swanson will be working with John Bonthuis to add a covered lean-to to the ice rink with benches and flooring for skaters to put on and remove their skates.

Leszinske moved **Dohm** seconded to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried 4/0

Newsletter: Steve Dohm is working on getting the newsletter together.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12