

**Village of Moreland Hills**  
**Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes**

**April 6, 2021**

Virtual Meeting

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**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00am

**Establish Quorum:** The following members of the facilities committee were present: Councilman David Emerman; Mayor Dan Fritz; Service Director Ted DeWater; Village Engineer Jeff Filarski; Councilwoman Monica Sturgis

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman M Sturgis, seconded by Mr. DeWater, to approve the March meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Building maintenance:**

DeWater reported that he is getting quotes on lighting to replace fluorescent lights with LED lights.

**Utilities**

1) Plant & Pump Station updates

Mr. DeWater reported that the service department is getting quotes to replace the overflow tank at the Woodland Glen Pump Station.

In response to a question by Mayor Fritz, Mr. Filarski reported that the Greentree Wastewater Treatment Plant equalization tank installation will be completed this year.

2) 2020 Sewer Rehabilitation Program

Mr. Filarski reported that he got a price for installation of the backflow preventer for Stonewood Dr. which was \$3,600, which would be a change order to the existing United Survey contract.

**Parks and Greenspace**

1) Forest Ridge Pavilion; approval of design concepts

Mr. Filarski highlighted changes to the design of the pavilion after receiving input from the Parks Commission, including:

- moving the location of the bathroom to southeast of the pavilion
- adding a retaining wall near the bathroom
- adding a ground light and lights inside of the pavilion
- adding an asphalt path from the eastern parking lot to the fishing dock

Mr. Filarski also provided renderings of the pavilion and bathroom structure and went over some of the key design features.

There was then a general discussion regarding various features of the project. Mr. Filarski responded to a question by the mayor, indicating that the lights in the pavilion could not be recessed due to the design of the roof. Bill Janke, Chair of the Parks Commission, stated that he appreciates and supports the new design. He raised a concern that birds may build nests in the pavilion lights. Bill also stated that the Parks Commission discussed encasing the wooden columns in stone at least part of the way up.

Alan Olson stated he supported stone encasement on all the columns. Alan questioned the need for lights in the pavilion and the use of asphalt vs steel roof. The mayor provided various justifications for lights including extending the use of the pavilion into later in the day and safety concerns. Mr. Filarski stated that asphalt was proposed for the roof as opposed to steel because of cost. Mr. DeWater stated that encasing the columns could interfere with the Villages ability to temporary enclose the pavilion.

Mr. Standard provided his support for the redesign and stated that he prefers the columns without the stone encasement because it would look cleaner and more modern. Mr. Standard raised a concern that the road to service the restrooms, brine tanks, and community garden may be confusing to those using the park. Mr. DeWater suggested that we potentially could place a gate in front of that road. Mr. Emerman suggested that we could address the issue with a sign indicting not to drive down the access road and that the parking lot was further down the road.

Roy stated that lights could be covered in a way that would prevent birds from building nests in the fixtures. He also stated that he prefers the stone look and believes the stone look to be as modern looking as plain poles.

Mr. Emerman asked if there is a different in maintenance costs between the stone encasement vs plain columns. Mr. Filarski stated that there is likely no difference in maintenance costs between the two options. Mr. Filarski also responded to a question by Mr. Emerman stated that there is not a difference in maintenance between the different light fixture options or to difference between asphalt and concrete on the path from the parking lot to the fishing dock.

Ms. Sturgis asked about the lifespan and maintenance of the bathrooms. Mr. Filarski stated that these types of bathrooms are designed and used for national parks and are intended to be low maintenance and long lifespan. Ms. Sturgis also stated that she prefers a pavilion design that blends into the environment vs standing out from the background. Mayor Fritz agreed he prefers a design that blends into the environment.

There was a discussion about whether the pavilion should be monitored with security cameras. The mayor stated that some other villages monitor their pavilions and that we could design that issue later. Mr. Emerman agreed that we don't need to address that issue now, but wanted to raise the issue for people to start thinking about it for a future discussion.

Alan asked who will be making the final decisions on the pavilion. Mr. Filarski stated that he incorporated all the of suggestions for the Parks Commission and Facilities committee other than the issues regarding the design of the light fixtures and the columns. Mayor Fritz stated that the village will share plans with the Parks Commission, and that Village Council will ultimately be determining the final

funding issues. Mr. Emerman stated that he puts a lot of weight into the recommendations of the Parks Commission.

### **Miscellaneous Business and updates**

#### 1) Corporation Sign Replacement- Update

Mr. DeWater reported that the local art classes did not have students that we interested in submitting designs for the corporate sign redesign. Ms. Sturgis recommended that the village consider reaching out to the Cleveland Institute of Art. Mr. DeWater stated that one option is to touch up the current signs with paint, but many of the signs are beyond needing just touchups. The other option is to work with our sign maker on replacements. Mr. Standard questioned whether the schools' lack of interest in the project was related to pandemic.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned 10:01 am.

**Next meeting: May 4, 2021**