

Newberry Village Council
Public Hearing
To take public comment on:
The Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan 2016-2021
Village of Newberry Office Building
February 15, 2016

Present: President Anderson, Trustees: Brown, DeWitt, Hendrickson, Medelis, Olson, Village Manager Cleaver and Clerk Schummer.

Absent: Zimmerman.

Guests: Larry Vincent, Don Ratliff, Charles Morrison, John Wendt, Chuck Lawson, Vicki Fall, Dave Fall, Buck Vallad.

Call to Order: President Anderson called the Public Hearing to order at 5:47 p.m. at the Village of Newberry Offices.

Public Comment: Trustee Brown explained what the 5-year plan was about and that the Plan has been available for review at the public library and the Village Offices in hard copies and for download on-line. A public notice was published in the paper stating the plan would be available in these locations for 30 days, until February 5th. She also explained that this Plan is necessary for the Village to be able to apply for DNR grants.

Don Ratliff, 309 E. Truman Street, had questions regarding the brownfield property, owned by the Village, which is being developed as the TORC project. He stated that the property was not supposed to cost the Village anything but it has. He was worried that the 5-year Plan would cost the Village money too. The Council explained that the Plan was not authorizing any money and that a new Plan had to be drawn-up every five years. Mr. Ratliff stated that there is 33 acres where the TORC project is and only 3 acres of it was cleaned-up. Brown explained what the DEQ had done as far as funding for the capping and cleanup of the property. Mr. Ratliff said that Newberry was supposed to pay \$60,000 as a match for the TORC project. Brown explained that some of \$60,000 would be in the form of manpower and materials and a portion would be financial.

Trustee Brown stated she applied for a Passport Grant, which was approved. The award is for \$45,000 worth of improvements at Atlas Park. The Villages match is \$17,000 worth of in-kind services to put in a parking lot. A discussion regarding grants followed.

Adjourn Meeting: Moved by Medelis, supported by DeWitt, CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. Ayes: All. Absent: Medelis.

These minutes are unofficial until voted on at the next meeting.

Terese Schummer, Clerk



Charles Cleaver, Village Manager