

VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MINUTES
6:00 PM
MARCH 25, 2015

ROLL CALL: BIRO, BLOAM, CONTIPELLI, DUSZYNSKI, HARRIS, HENLEY

MAYORS REPORT

Mr. Contipelli made the motion to excuse Ms. Duszynski and Ms. Henley from the Workshop. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

The first thing the Mayor wanted to talk about is the Bacci Park security detail that we discussed in the budget. Our off duty officers will be working part time security details in the park. You will also see a resolution for the jail facility of North Royalton. There is some talk of the City of Bedford getting out of the jail business, since our jail is only a 12 day facility, we need a contract with a full service facility, and that would be North Royalton. For Arbor Day on April 24th, we will be planting 7 trees. The festivities will begin at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Contipelli asked if there was a plan on how long we would be running security in the park. The Mayor stated that basically it will be in conjunction with the concession stand at Bacci Park. As he has said before, we have a lot of folks that enjoy the park, and while they are in the park, they feel a little disconnected from the Village, its residents, and the homes. Also there will be money in the concession stand, and we want to provide and have security in place. Our policemen will also make their hourly pass through the park during work hours. This will give the seniors, mothers, and visitors a great level of comfort. For example, Monday through Friday the concession stand will be open during the day. So in the summer the Service Department goes home at 4:30 pm, the security will start at 4:00 pm and go to 9:00 pm. On the weekends the security will be working longer shifts. There will be no outside security in the park while the Service Department is actually working in the park and operational. There will also be longer security shifts on holidays.

Ms. Biro asked if the company was going to use our patrolmen for security. The Mayor said, yes, because of our Collective Bargaining Agreement with our Policemen, we couldn't just schedule them ourselves, because it would work

into an overtime rate, so none of the plans would work and fit into the CBA, so that is why we went to an outside agency to supply the officers for Bacci Park, but they will be our officers. The company will handle payroll, workers compensation, and insurance for the officers. Our officers will be working for the security company, but it will be our guys working at the park. Ms. Biro asked if they would be wearing some type of uniform. The Mayor said they would be wearing a polo shirt with the Cuyahoga Heights Police on the back. The uniform will either be supplied by the security company or at the officer's expense. There will also be a park ranger out there handling the garbage and trash, and taking laps around the town to clean other areas, and picking up trash on the streets.

Mr. Bloam asked if the hours for the concession stand at the park have been set. The Mayor said that in the spring we are going to try to coordinate them with the ballgames that will be played at the park. May is the time we want it open on a regular basis, but in April there are some games that will be played, and I would like to get Tracy and Kelly some time to work out all the bugs so that when we open in May, everything should run smoother. When they open full time, the hours will be 11 am -7 pm. The hours for the concession stand, security detail, and the pool can be adjusted for inclement weather.

Ms. Harris asked the Mayor how many people will be working at the concession stand. The Mayor stated that he wants two people working together at the concession stand. She asked if someone works at the concession stand, can they also work at the pool as cashiers. The Mayor said absolutely. The idea is to get as many people hours as possible, it won't just be a senior's job, it can be anyone, young or old. Ms. Harris asked when is the deadline to sign up, the Mayor said it was sometime in March, but anyone can come and put in an application at any time. We will just give more consideration to people who follow the rules and apply before the deadline, but there will always be a need for more applicants because of vacations and no shows.

Mr. Contipelli asked if we were going to get a new pitcher's mound at Bacci Park for the fastball teams. Mayor Bacci said he is having Scotty look into getting a removable mound for the fields. Mr. Contipelli agreed, he feels this gives us a lot of flexibility for the hardball and softball teams.

Ms. Harris asked how many people we are going to have for the Mayors breakfast meeting on Friday. Mr. Contipelli stated that Lee Ann told him it was over 60. The Mayor said that he is going to have to expedite the meeting due

to the timing of David Suhy's funeral at 10:00am. We will get everyone on board before the meeting so they know what is going on.

The Mayor also told Council that they have to record and have minutes for all Committee Meetings.

WHEREFORE, there being no further business before this Council, Ms. Duszynski seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Work Session be adjourned. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.