

# CITY OF WATTERSON PARK LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Jefferson County Farm Bureau • 4200 Gardiner View Avenue • Louisville, Kentucky 40213

October 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call** — Roll was called. Present were Mayor Pro-Tem Linda Chesser; Council Members Helen Arnold, Scott Frisch, Gina Garrett, and Marlene Welsh; Treasurer Jerry Wild; Clerk Aggie Keefe; and Attorney Wade Hendricks.

**Pledge of Allegiance** — All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes** — Mrs. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015, meeting as submitted; seconded by Mrs. Welsh. All present voted yes (5-0). Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on September 21, 2015; seconded by Mr. Frisch. All present voted yes (5-0).

**Treasurer's Report** — Mr. Wild reported receipts for the month of September 2015 in the amount of \$5,831.03 with expenditures in the amount of \$52,379.75, giving a deficit of \$46,548.72. Mr. Wild explained that the large expenditure under Public Works was for the recent road work by Mac Construction. Mrs. Welsh made a motion to approve the report as read; seconded by Mrs. Arnold. All present voted yes (5-0).

## OLD BUSINESS

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**STOP Signs** — Mrs. Chesser reported that the installation of the STOP signs at the intersection of Robards Lane and Gardiner Lane will begin within the next two weeks.

**School Clusters** — Mrs. Chesser reported that she received an email response from Lisa Willner, who copied Dr. Hargens and her assistant, so that they can direct Ms. Chesser to the appropriate staff person from demographics. Ms. Chesser was instructed to follow up with Barbara Dempsey, who is in charge of demographics.

**Bright Sites** — Mrs. Chesser reported that she corresponded with Gina O'Brien, Executive Director of Brightside, and was told that there is a process for establishing a Brightsite, and Jim Denny needs to begin the process by working with the councilperson for his district. There are no naturescape grants available at this time. Mrs. Chesser will contact Mr. Denny with this information.

## NEW BUSINESS

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**Tax Bills** — Mr. Wild reported that tax bills have been mailed out. Attorney Hendricks reported that personal property tax bills will go out in seven to ten days.

**Best Louisville Suburbs To Retire** — Mrs. Chesser reported that MOVOTO Real Estate listed Watterson Park No. 8 in the Top Ten Best Louisville Suburbs To Retire. Mrs. Keefe will put this information on our website.

**Operation Brightside** — Mrs. Chesser reported that the fall Operation Brightside clean-up will be on Saturday, October 24. She also reported that Gina O'Brien, Brightside Executive Director, asked Mrs. Chesser to send her pictures from previous Operation Brightside clean-ups showing children participating in the project.

**Trash on Poplar Level Road** — Mrs. Chesser reported that she has been working with Carrie Peers, Councilman Magre's assistant, to get the litter on Poplar Level Road overpass cleaned up. Ms. Peers contacted Kedrick Stanfield with the Department for Public Works, who reported that they would be sending out a crew for litter abatement.

**Traffic Congestion** — Mrs. Garrett expressed concern about the back-up of traffic on Poplar Level Road coming off the Watterson Expressway due to Halloween at the Louisville Zoo. Mrs. Chesser said she would contact the sergeant with the Sixth Division Police to see if there is anything they can do to alleviate the situation. Mr. Frisch said they will need to work together with whoever is funneling the traffic into the Zoo. We also have the Mega Lights Under Louisville coming up in December, which will again create traffic congestion. Mr. Frisch will send Mrs. Keefe a blurb regarding the congestion to put on our website.

**City-Sponsored Trip/Tree Program** — Mrs. Chesser reported that a resident told her she really misses the annual trips we sponsored as part of our Tree Program. Mrs. Chesser talked with Attorney Hendricks, who corresponded with Sarah Gracey, Kentucky's urban forestry coordinator, to see if there is any grant money available to subsidize a trip. Ms. Gracey said they no longer have grant funds available on an ongoing basis but do have funds available periodically. Mr. Hendricks subscribed to their newsletter so he can monitor it in case funds do become available. Mr. Wild reported that we have \$25,000.00 budgeted for forestry, and we won't be using all of it for tree maintenance, so we should have funds available for a trip. Because of poor participation in the last trip, Council discussed ways we could insure that those signed up actually show up for future trips. We could ask for phone numbers so we can contact those who sign up to remind them as the date gets closer. We could also stress that since spaces are limited, if they sign up and can't make it, they should notify us so we can fill their spot. Mrs. Welsh and Mrs. Garrett will do some research to come up with ideas.

**Bicycle Theft** — Mrs. Welsh reported that about three weeks ago there were some kids walking on Larkmoor Lane looking at driveways and some bikes were stolen. She recently saw the same kids on Larkmoor Lane and is concerned that they might be targeting the street again. Mrs. Welsh will call the Metro Police Sixth Division, Beat 3, and ask if they can do extra patrols on Larkmoor Lane. In the meantime, we should post something on our website encouraging residents to leave their porch lights on, lock their cars, keep garage doors closed and locked, and be alert.

**Verst Group** — Mrs. Chesser reported that the Paula Brown, the resident at the end of Regina Lane, complained about semis parking and idling on the Verst property. Ms. Brown wanted to see if they would extend the wood fence from Milldaun to her property to serve as a buffer. Mrs. Chesser called Matt Hartlage, who knows the owners of the Verst property. Mr. Hartlage said they would put up additional "No Idling" signs and hope that this will help.

**Large-Trash Pick-Up** — Mrs. Welsh reminded Council that the semi-annual large-trash pick-up is this Saturday, October 17.

**Damaged Sign Repaired** — Mrs. Welsh reported that the damaged sign at Larkmoor Lane and Newburg Road has been repaired.

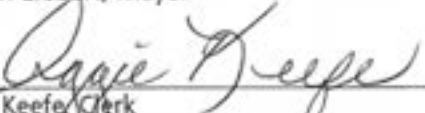
## ADJOURNMENT

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**Adjournment** — Mrs. Welsh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Garrett. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. All those persons noted as being present at the beginning of this meeting, unless otherwise indicated, remained throughout.

Approved at the meeting of the City Council held on 11-11-15.

  
Norman Liebert, Mayor

  
Aggie Keefe, Clerk