

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
August 7, 2018

The Conneaut Planning Commission met for their regular monthly meeting on August 7, 2018, beginning at 6 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Role was called; in attendance were Mr. Zingaro, Ms. Notte, Mr. Sedmak, Mrs. Parlongo, and Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Gaugh Also in attendance; Mr. John Smolen from Smolen Engineering, Mr. Pete Formica from CT Consultants Engineering and Mr. Mark Wheeler – Sparc Committee

**Mr. Zingaro** asked if everyone reviewed the minutes from June 26, 2018 meeting and if there were any corrections. No corrections were needed. Mrs. Parlongo made motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. Gaugh second the motion. Roll was called, all approved. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: SPARC PROJECT CONNEAUT AREA CITY SCHOOLS TENNIS COURTS

**Mr. Zingaro:** Mr. Mark Wheeler is here to represent the Sparc Project, Mr. John Smolen of Smolen Engineering the engineer firm who drew up the plans and Mr. Pete Formica of CT Consultants representing the City of Conneaut.

Mr. Wheeler: The Care for Kids Committee the funding agency behind the Sparc Project has agreed to move forward with the construction of our Tennis Courts project. It was presented to the Conneaut School Board and unanimously passed for approval, so it is our intention to move forward with the construction of this project. We are utilizing the services of Union Industrial Contractors who won the bid and our projected start date was last Monday. We understand there may be some drainage concerns and the City wanted the plans looked over by CT Consultants. I know there is also concerns over parking and what we are working toward is; right now the site where the Tennis Court Project is represents a former parking lot that measures out to be about 100 parking spots. We have some ideas that we would like to share and expand on stadium and maple ave. to create more parking. Mr. Zingaro asked when they thought they would move forward with parking. Mr. Wheeler replied that will be more discussions with the City in the near future and our engineers.

Mr. Zingaro asked about drainage and Mr. John Smolen took over the conversation from Mr. Wheeler. Danny Bowman designed the plans and volunteered his services. Mr. Smolen explained how the drainage would flow and Mr. Formica (CT Consultants) had concerns about the size of the storm lines and there were noclean outs. Mr. Formica made some suggestions and Mr. Smolen agreed to re-work the drainage to comply with The City Engineers standards so the project could move forward. They agreed to increase the size from 4” to 6” pipe and add a couple of cleanouts. Mrs. Parlongo asked if the site will be graded and both Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Smolen explained that yes it will be graded. Mrs. Parlongo asked if the wall was a retaining wall. Mr. Wheeler explained the potential for advertising for their sponsors and plans for the wall. Mrs. Parlongo asked if they were selling the bricks to donors. Mr. Wheeler explained that yes it will be a red stone with black lettering for advertising and promotions and we will be selling them.

Mr. Zingaro asked if the drainage will effect the parking in the future. Mr. Formica said that should not happen because there a catch basins in place.

Mr. Formica asked to see the calculations from Smolen Engineering so we know the amount of flow that a 6' inch line is in fact large enough to handle going into the basin and a 12" line coming out of the basin. Mr. Smolen will email the calculations to the City for CT's review.

Mr. Wheeler asked if we get everything together for the calculations could we get this approved tonight so we can move forward with the grading.

The board did not see a problem with approving so the project could move forward.

Mrs. Gaugh asked when the project will be completed and the tennis courts will be usable

Mr. Wheeler stated totally completed by November 15, 2018. That's our hope.

Mr. Formica asked about the lighting and an overpour of light pollution to the neighboring residents. Mr. Wheeler explained he spoke with a few neighbors and they are all excited and happy about the tennis courts. There is not a time limit on the lights – the Athletic Director will be in control of the lighting. It is a community project and it is open to the public 24/7.

Mrs. Parlongo made motion to approve the plans for the Sparc Tennis Courts

Mrs. Gaugh second the motion

Roll was called – all approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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**Joe Zingaro, Chairperson**

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**Melanie Shubitowski - Clerk**