

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Invocation and a moment of silence to commemorate the 79th anniversary of D-Day and to remember those who lost their lives in the WWII invasion of Normandy.

The clerk read the roll. Mr. Kelly, Mr. Daily, Ms. Downs, Mayor Donnellon, Mr. Camp, Mr. Feldhaus, Ms. Westmark. Mayor Donnellon motioned to excuse Mr. Daily and Ms. Downs. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

M. Kelly motioned to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023 Council Meeting. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark –

RESOLUTION 2023-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO AND PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AS REQUIRED.

Ms. Westmark asked Ms. George to give the reading of Resolution 2023-13, by title only. So read. Ms. Westmark motioned for passage of Resolution 2023-13. Mr. Camp seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the May 2023 Income Tax Report. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Westmark motioned to accept the May 2023 JEDZ report. Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp -

Mr. Feldhaus presented the April 2023 Police report.

Mr. Camp presented the May 2023 Fire District Report.

Mayor Donnellon thanked Mr. Camp and the parade committee for another successful Memorial Day parade.

Public Works Committee Chair Kathy Downs –

Dr. Jetter reported:

- The railroad crossing repairs were completed in time for the Memorial Day parade.
- The contract for the Plainfield Road project is still not signed. The project is being held up by the replacement of the water mains along the route.
- The Public Works added one FT employee and 2 PT seasonal workers.
- The handicap rail for the crossing at Clifford Road has been modified, as needed.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus -

Mr. Feldhaus reported the June 3 Party in the Park was very successful. The next concert is June 17. The Days in the Park Festival is set for August 4-5.

Diversity & Inclusion Steering Committee – Neil Kelly

Mr. Kelly reported the Diversity committee met on Thursday, May 25. Discussions included the importance of diversity to the committee members and a brainstorming session for a vision statement took place. There were no actionable items. The next meeting is Thursday June 22. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in council chambers. All are welcome.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous –

None.

Old Business –

None.

New Business

Mayor Donnellon noted the new entrance to Chamberlin Park on Matson Avenue is complete and looks great. Due to retired Mayor Dave Collins' many years of service to Deer Park and his dedication to the community, Mayor Donnellon motioned to name the entrance "Dave Collins Way". Ms. Westmark seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly – yes, Mayor Donnellon – yes, Mr. Camp – yes, Mr. Feldhaus – yes, Ms. Westmark – yes. Motion carried. Signage will be ordered and a dedication ceremony will be planned. Mr. Feldhaus added that the park looks great and gave kudos to our Public Works crew.

Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor –

No report.

City Manager –

- The city received a CEDAP grant for upgrades to the walking path in the park. The project is out to bid and includes two alternates, one to expand the path and one to repave the parking lot that serves the Community Center.
- Signage will be installed in the park as part of the "We Thrive" initiative.
- Planning continues for the music pavilion for the park. The project may include the installation of a water feature.
- Upgrading the ball field electric and lights is under discussion.
- CIC filings have been updated and filed with the state.

Schedule

June 19, 2023 Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

June 22, 2023 Diversity & Inclusion Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

August 8, 2023 Special Election – Ohio Constitutional Amendment

The summer meeting schedule is under discussion due to the July 4th holiday and the annual tax budget that is due in July. Updates will be provided as they are available.

Community Events

June 12, 2023 Quarterly Community Information Session – Deer Park Library - 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

August 4-5, 2023

Party in the Park Dates

June 17

July 1

July 22

August 19

September 23

Adjournment

Mr. Feldhaus motioned to adjourn. Ms. Westmark seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

John Donnellon
Mayor

Meredith George
Clerk of Council