



**Parks and Trails Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 18, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Mr. Stribick called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Char Steelman, Vice Chair	Present
Frank Korth, Secretary	Present
George Stribick,	Present
Bill Resch, Member	Present arrived at 6:03pm
Abbey Brooks	Present
Chip Fellows	Present

Others Present: Mr. Stephen Mayer, City of New Albany; Ms. Jackie Russell, City of New Albany, Linda Meneray, Jason Coffee

Ms. Steelman moved to approve the March 5, 2017 minutes, seconded by Mr. Korth. Motion passed.

**Case:**

**FDP-37-2018**

Mr. Mayer presented the Staff Report.

Mr. Fellows asked how long the City will own the reserves.

Mr. Mayer said in perpetuity.

Ms. Steelman asked where proposed location for the subdivision is.

Mr. Mayer says that the site is near TJX along 605 and Central College.

Mr. Resch said he would like a leisure trail connection from 605 through the proposed garden.

Mr. Mayer said nice idea.

Mr. Korth would like leisure trail, but is concerned about people in the garden not paying attention to bike riders along the proposed trail.

Ms. Meneray said that the center green was originally located to the far side but, has been placed in its new location within the middle. She said that she hopes Bikes will come through the existing Walcott subdivision from Souder Road and out to 605, however she is concerned that ADA ramps may causes issues.

Mr. Korth asked said if they tried a route by using the middle pieces to connect to Jersey Drive.

Ms. Meneray said lots were deepened to allow for leisure trail and would not have places to connect to Jersey Drive.

Mr. Coffee reiterated that it isn't a destination place for bikes.

Mr. Stribick asked what the definition of shed was in relation to this site.

Ms. Menerary stated it is just a shed for tools and mulch, for gardeners. It will be strictly storage.

Ms. Steelman asked if the park area has a fence.

Ms. Menerary said it has a two rail horse fence.

Mr. Stribick asked if the applicant is in agreement to move the community garden down so that the leisure trail can connect across.

Ms. Menerary answered yes.

Mr. Resch stated that it is an amenity to have trail for residents and the community traveling through the subdivision. He appreciates the applicants' willingness to move and create buffer between the garden.

Mr. Korth said the dog park is an excellent idea because getting in a car and riding to the metro park is not ideal.

Mr. Mayer continued presentation.

Ms. Menerary stated that they arrived around a 4.7 acre difference instead of 5.38 and will be providing money for the additional .7 acres required.

Mr. Resch was curious if leisure trail could reach to Westerville.

Mr. Mayer said yes it is possible and we could work with the metro parks to connect the two.

Mr. Coffee stated that he agrees with maintenance of all reserves but, wanted to own the small pieces next to the homes because he wants to watch the nuisances of building next to them not be an issue.

Mr. Mayer stated that a long time practice of the city is that leisure trail be used by the general public and have full access to do so; therefore the city retains ownership.

Mr. Coffee wants to understand the nuisances of the agreement. He is afraid of what the city might put in those areas and the timing of doing so. He frankly is not used to giving open space to city and is okay with talking through it and better understand. Mostly he desired to

work through the transition with staff to understand legalities so Epcon is comfortable when homes go in there that nothing changes.

Mr. Resch said that historically we have seen disputes when the city does not own greenspace/open space, we have found when there is open space and it is not considered public green space the owner assumes they can go in that space.

Mr. Coffee said it is unique because the design is not a standard single family product, lawn care is provided and HOA sticks to a strict uniform look to prevent people from thinking it is their property.

Ms. Meneary explained the treatment of homes when facing open space with fencing and landscaping to separate side yards and contain it from open space and not creep out.

Mr. Stribick asked what is the current agreement with the Links Dominion Club, how is it different or how is it the same?

Mr. Mayer said they have a clubhouse which is owned and maintained by HOA, but all other parkland and open space was dedicated to city. We have the same concerns as Epcon that these reserves be maintained the same way and stay in character with New Albany. That is why the city seeks ownership to help with those things as well.

Mr. Coffee said he was comfortable to work through language.

Mr. Mayer stated any significant change in park space will go back to the PTAB and PC.

Mr. Coffee when do you take ownership? Because we would need easements to build the proposed leisure trail.

Mr. Mayer stated you are definitely allowed to install the trails.

Ms. Steelman asked if staff sees any community as an exception to be privately owned.

Mr. Mayer said he is not aware of any since it has been the PC and Council's mission to own and maintain all parkland.

Mr. Stribick said he wants everyone to be comfortable and know this is our mission.

Mr. Coffee said it is the first Epcon community in New Albany and he is learning.

Mr. Shannon complimented staff on the thoroughness of the presentation, everything intended to say you have said. He was concerned with the timing in relation to building. However he feels relieved based on how the city will work on timing with them. He agrees that they will continue to work on language with staff.

Move to approve the application made by Mr. Korth and Ms. Steelman seconded. Motion passed.

**Addition to agenda**

None from Staff.

**No other business**

Meetings adjourned at 6:42pm.