

A Worksession of the City Council was held at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street, on Monday, November 19, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Malewski and Councilpersons Burke, Wichman and Colestock. Councilman Harri was absent and excused.

Administrative Staff Present were City Manager Aaron Desentz, Police Chief Larry Weeks, Quality of Life Director Lindsey Zeller and City Clerk Kristy Reinecke.

Also Present was the Quality of Life Board and Members from Eaton Rapids and Hamlin Township.

Purpose of the meeting was a worksession. Notice of the meeting was duly given.

Public Comments:

None.

New Business Topics of Discussion were:

Mike Deem from McKenna and Associates gave Council, the Quality of Life Board, Hamlin Township and Eaton Rapids Township a presentation on the Area Wide Parks Master Plan. Mr. Deem reviewed the questions that would be incorporated on the survey. Mr. Deem stated that it was his goal to get the survey's passed out to the Schools prior to the Christmas Break. Mr. Deem stated that he will work on further questions that had been brought up tonight by the Council and Boards and get a draft back to each entity for review prior to printing and distributing. Mr. Deem stated that after the surveys had been sent out then a Public Workshop would be scheduled and held after the Holidays.

Unfinished and Special Business:

None.

Public Comments:

Jamie Davidson, State Street, appeared before the Council and stating that trails connecting the City to the Townships along the Hobart Drain Easement had been looked at before and needed to be revisited.

Hamlin Township Supervisor Bombrys stated that resident feedback was crucial and to stay focused and to not get sidetracked.

Eaton Rapids Township Supervisor Wilson stated that it was nice to see the entities acting like a community and moving forward.

Councilman Burke stated that the community had already had different successes with numerous projects and to keep moving in that direction.

Councilwoman Colestock stated that she agreed with Councilman Burke and it was cool to see.

Quality of Life Chair Maxey stated that it was good to finally be working together on things and that this is what the public wants.

Quality of Life Director Zeller stated that communication is important and steps need to be taken to engage the public and keep the communication open.

Quality of Life Board Member Sebastian stated that everyone needs to communicate and to continue to take direction from the community.

Quality of Life Board Member Raad stated that it was important to keep an open dialogue with the community.

Quality of Life Board Member Badgero stated that he would love to see more interaction with the Townships and the development of more filed opportunities in the outlying areas.

City Manager Desentz stated that this was a great meeting and many great ideas had been shared.

Hamlin Township Clerk Boomer stated that it was a good direction that the community was heading in and to keep moving forward.

Eaton Rapids Township Board Member Morgan stated that he felt there were going to be a lot of great things happening in the next five years.

Mayor Malewski thanked everyone for coming and all of the great participation.

Reports:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Paul O. Malewski, Mayor

Kristy Reinecke, City Clerk