**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN**

**Public Hearing**

**May 14, 2019**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Bel-Nor met in public session pursuant to state law at the City Hall, 8416 Natural Bridge Road, Bel-Nor, MO 63121 at 2:30 p.m. May 14, 2019**.** Due to the lack of a quorum, no official actions could be undertaken. Alderman Charlee McBride, Mayor Bill Hook, and City Administrator Rachel Burse were present.

Weis Design Group presented their plan for the new park trail project for Horatio parkway in Bel-Nor South. The City had previously been awarded a park planning grant by the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County, and the results are being shared with the public. The next step is to submit a request for the actual construction grant, which is due on Friday, August 30, 2019. The constructions grants will be awarded in November.

The project renderings and preliminary cost estimates were reviewed and comments noted on lighting, signage, City cost-sharing contributions, and annual maintenance requirements. Because this project is first and foremost a walking trail in a park setting, resident safety and encouragement of exercise is paramount. There was discussion of challenges such as stormwater collection, contouring of the park land with fill, and the potential for snow or ice on the trail itself.

All present agreed that the preliminary design of the park trail is attractive and will represent a huge improvement over the existing under-utilized space.

A second public hearing on the project is scheduled for Monday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m., prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Minutes prepared by Mayor Bill Hook

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