

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:18 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Dick Ryneerson, Keith Smith, Wendy Scott-Kemp, Marianne Glenn

Absent: Chris Yonish, Sheri Gestring, Eileen Fitzsimmons

MOTION: To excuse Mr. Yonish. Motioned by Ms. Scott-Kemp and seconded by Mr. Ryneerson. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

MOTION: To excuse Ms. Gestring. Motioned by Ms. Scott-Kemp and seconded by Mr. Ryneerson. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

MOTION: To excuse Ms. Fitzsimmons. Motioned by Ms. Scott-Kemp and seconded by Mr. Ryneerson. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

PRCAC Appointment:

- a. PRCAC Chair
- b. PRCAC Vice Chair
- c. Beautification Committee Chair

Due to several absences, the committee decided to table the appointment for the February meeting.

Ms. Glenn took a moment to introduce herself to the committee.

Ms. Scott-Kemp asked for a brief explanation regarding the duties of the Beautification Committee Chair. She and the committee then discussed the Beautification program and ways to make it successful.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- a. October 25, 2022
- b. November 22, 2022

MOTION: To approve PRCAC meeting minutes. Motioned by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Ryneerson. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Bicentennial Committee Updates

- a. Professional Artistic Painting on Electrical Boxes
- b. Plant trees in the square
- c. Repair or replace Wilcox Park sign

- d. Removal of faded Tree Beautification signs
- e. Planting perennials at city signs and flower boxes

The committee spoke about several of these items when discussing the Beautification Committee Chair, so they decided to move on to Old Business.

Old Business

- a. Parks & Recreation and Senior Center Facility Update

Ms. Scott-Kemp reviewed the provided plan documents and questioned some of the recessed color-changing lights. Mr. Mytinger said they could be changed for themes or turned off.

Mr. Mytinger said he requested quotes for tree removal at the park for the new building site. Mr. Mytinger said they needed to have the trees removed before a specific species of bat returned to the nest. Ms. Scott-Kemp asked if the bats would be able to relocate into other trees and Mr. Mytinger said yes.

Mr. Mytinger added the department would also have their guaranteed maximum price (GMP) from the contractor. He said they would then begin to put all the long lead items on order. Some were back ordered for 20 weeks.

Mr. Rynerson asked how the building would be heated and cooled. Mr. Mytinger said it would be electric because it was cost-prohibitive to run a gas line. Mr. Rynerson asked if there was any discussion to install solar panels and Mr. Mytinger said not at this time. He said the location was in a pretty wooded area to help lower cooling costs/energy.

- b. Floyd North Bicentennial Park

Mr. Mytinger explained the park had been open for approximately 6 months. He said the city received \$250,000 in state funding for the park. He said they were working with the Environmental Design group to create a master plan for the park. He said once they completed that portion of the project they could start working on the park off of the master plan.

New Business:

- a. Eagle Scout Project – Birdhouses in the park

Eathin Troop 475. He explained his Eagle Scout project was making PVC pipe birdhouses. Ethan handed out a design to the committee. He said the PVC Birdhouse was very durable. He explained that he and his grandfather built several birdhouses together and decided this would be a good project for him to do. He said the houses could also be easily cleaned out. And said the house would attract many different types of birds. He said they would use stainless steel metal to hang them. He also offered to map them out so the Parks & Recreation Department would be able to locate them easily.

Mr. Rynerson asked about ventilation and thought they could look into making them a little more ventilated.

Ms. Scott-Kemp asked about maintenance for the birdhouse. Eathin said they needed to be cleaned out once a year and that would probably then become the responsibility of the Parks Department.

Mr. Rynerson asked how individuals would know who made the house and Eathin said he would add a stamp with his name and troop number on it.

Eathin then said he would like the project to start around summer break.

Mr. Mytinger said to let him know if he needed help.

Mr. Mytinger then told Ethan the PRCAC group had a student liaison position available if he knew anyone who would be interested.

b. 2022 Annual Report

Mr. Mytinger explained some of the items highlighted in the annual report will be at the State of the City. He then highlighted some of the goals for the Parks & Recreation Department:

1. Create a new home for Parks & Rec and Senior Center
2. Develop a plan for Floyd North Bicentennial Park
3. Aid in the plan and creation of the city center park
4. Investigating Concerts in the park
5. Increase staff
6. Investigate a farmer's market
7. Create a membership retention plan for the senior center
8. Purchase a mower, sprayer, and truck
9. Aid in city beautification
10. Add storage to the Parks maintenance building

Mr. Rynerson asked what kind of truck and Mr. Mytinger said F350

Ms. Glenn asked about the name of Floyd North Park and Mr. Mytinger said the city and Geise came to an agreement that Geise could have the naming rights to the park. He then added it was the name of Geise's father-in-law.

Ms. Scott-Kemp questioned which programs the department wanted to expand. Mr. Mytinger said events, tournaments, and concerts.

c. Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is on April 1, 2023. Mr. Mytinger asked if anyone could volunteer.

d. 2023 Meeting Dates

See attached.

Mr. Rynearson questioned what the economic impact of the parks and recreation had on the city.

Mr. Mytinger then said next week he would be attending Kalahari as part of the OPRA conference.

Adjournment

7:00 pm

ATTEST:

Rachel Miller
Clerk of Parks and Recreation

APPROVED:

Greg Mytinger
Director of Parks and Recreation