

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:20 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Chris Yonish, Dick Rynearson, Sheri Gestring, Wendy Scott-Kemp, Bridget Pavlick, Eileen Fitzsimmons

Absent: Keith Smith, Sheri Gestring

Motion to excuse Keith Smith. Motioned by Mr. Yonish and seconded by Ms. Pavlic.

Beautification Committee Updates:

A. Electrical Box Project

Attached in the packet were the electrical box submissions. The committee discussed the submissions and mentioned their appreciation for the space-themed artwork. Mr. Mytinger stated that they were looking for 4 to 5 designs. He asked the committee to choose their top five designs. The designs they selected were “Streetsboro Welcomes You,” “Space in Between,” “Outer Space,” “A Walk Through the City,” and “Bird Song in the Wild.”

Old Business:

A. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Mr. Mytinger reported that approximately 100 people attended, and the department provided refreshments. Mr. Yonish explained that he felt the community was having difficulty distinguishing between a Rec Center and a Community Center.

B. Cricket Pitch Update:

Mr. Mytinger said he had a few conversations with the school administration and still needed to submit something for approval. Since it is school property, it must be approved by them.

C. Floyd N Bicentennial Park:

Mr. Mytinger explained that they conducted the bid opening for the park, and Perrin Asphalt was the low bidder. A pre-construction meeting was set for April 10, 2024. He mentioned that the pavilion was on order and would hopefully arrive around the time of construction.

D. VIP

Mr. Mytinger stated that the idea was for volunteers to assist with photography, walking trails, the dog park, the splash pad, etc. He was seeking a method to acknowledge and track volunteer hours to offer rewards. Mr. Mytinger explained he needed a volunteer to help run the volunteer program. His goal was to have about 10 to 15 individuals involved in the program.

E. Program Updates

Mr. Mytinger reported that the father-daughter dance was very successful.

The Easter Egg Hunt was cold and muddy but went very well.

Mr. Mytinger added that senior center programs are reaching capacity, and the department is seeing many new faces.

New Business:

A. Total Eclipse:

The department planned to have a meeting on April 3 so that staff could be better informed about the event and the interesting aspects of what would happen. Mr. Mytinger stated he would need at least 5 to 6 volunteers at the community center, with additional volunteers outside to help with parking. He mentioned that the department had received phone calls asking to pick up glasses, and the department's response was that those wishing to attend the event would receive a free pair of glasses.

Ms. Fitzsimmons reported receiving a call from a person in Virginia stating she would be traveling to Streetsboro to City Park to watch the eclipse.

B. Story Walk:

Mr. Mytinger referred to the map included in the packet. They discussed the path of the permanent Story Walk. Ms. Scott-Kemp expressed that she really liked it starting at the library.

C. Spring Banners:

Ms. Scott-Kemp shared her enthusiasm for the spring banners, and the rest of the committee agreed.

Ms. Scott-Kemp inquired about plans for the new playground at City Hall. Ms. Fitzsimmons expressed her desire to be involved, mentioning that it appeared small and not accessible. Ms. Scott-Kemp felt it was not accessible for seated children. Mr. Mytinger believed there were transition ramps but could not recall their locations. He stated that the splash pad was accessible. Ms. Scott-Kemp mentioned that she liked the park in Stow, which is fully accessible for children with all types of motor abilities.

Ms. Pavlick expressed her interest in working on the planter boxes around the city signs. She suggested that evergreens and perennials would be suitable for those areas.

The committee then discussed the city square sign.

Ms. Scott-Kemp mentioned the high school has an electronic sign and asked about the city's progress in acquiring one.

Mr. Yonish suggested obtaining a basic sign since they will change and improve the variations quickly.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked if anyone was not on the environmental dinner mailing list and inquired about those who would like to be included.

Adjournment

7:11 pm

ATTEST:

Rachel Miller
Clerk of Parks and Recreation

APPROVED:

Greg Mytinger
Director of Parks and Recreation