

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:18 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Dick Rynearson, Marianne Glenn, Chris Yonish, Sheri Gestring, Eileen Fitzsimmons

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

MOTION: To excuse Keith Smith. Motioned by Ms. Gestring and seconded by Ms. Glenn. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

None

Beautification Committee Updates

Ms. Gestring asked if the Hostas were planted near the signs around town and Mr. Mytinger confirmed. Ms. Glenn asked if she could plant other things and then asked for clarification that she could plant anything and Mr. Mytinger agreed.

Mr. Yonish asked who was responsible for maintaining the planter boxes around town. Mr. Mytinger explained it was a bit of a gray area because they were installed by residents. Once the care lapsed the Parks and Recreation Department operated on such a small staff the Department did not have the means to care for them.

Mr. Yonish asked if there was a possibility to designate a watering vehicle and Mr. Mytinger said the Department did not have resources at the moment.

Ms. Gestring recapped that the committee decided not to have a Bulky Items clean-up because it was essentially offered through the current trash services. Then it was confirmed the information was put in the Community Program Guide.

Mr. Yonish said he spoke with Stow Parks & Recreation regarding the electrical box program and they were very welcoming about discussing the program. Mr. Mytinger said he looked into vinyl wraps and added that Streetsboro had a lot of boxes, but not a lot in high-profile areas. Mr. Yonish said the advice Stow gave him was that art was subjective and it would not please everyone. Mr. Mytinger then came up with a game plan on how to move forward. He then asked for volunteers to carry out tasks related to the program.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked about the funds from the cell tower and Geis's money. Mr. Mytinger was not sure and said it was probably going into a Capital line item.

Ms. Gestring asked about the Parks Improvement line item and believed if the committee did not do the Bulky Items event, they could purchase a few electrical box wraps. The committee all agreed.

Old Business

a. Parks & Recreation and Senior Center Facility Update

Mr. Mytinger said at the previous Council meeting Panzica was to provide the GMP (guaranteed maximum price), but there was a minor adjustment that needed to be made first.

b. Maintenance Garage Addition

Mr. Mytinger said he was working with the Planning Director to get the plan in place and get drawings to go out to bid.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked if the trees that would interfere with the bat habitat were removed and Mr. Mytinger confirmed.

New Business:

a. Parks Tour Dates

City Park: May 23, 2023. Mr. Mytinger informed the committee he would get two vehicles to help transport people around the park.

Mr. Mytinger said he was scheduling a tour of Thomas Heritage and Floyd North in September.

b. Summer Program Guide

The summer program guide was out and the committee reviewed the content. They then discussed several programs that were coming up.

Mr. Rynerson asked for an update from Mr. Mytinger regarding the Living History Program. Mr. Mytinger said about 150 people attended the event. Mr. Rynerson said it was great to see so many people involved in extraordinary things.

c. Update on Floyd North Park

Mr. Mytinger said all the paperwork had been turned in for the ODNR grant for phase 1. Phase 1 would include a pavilion, ADA parking, land clearing electrical, and grading.

Announcements:

Summer Camp Registration:

Mr. Mytinger said the Department already had a few weeks of summer camp filled and if the Department was able to secure more staff, then they could increase their numbers.

Mr. Yonish asked how many weeks in May were used by baseball and Mr. Mytinger said it was a lot.

Mr. Yonish asked how many were registered for the garage sale and he said about 80, and the Fishing Derby was already full.

Mr. Mytinger added that Shred Day was June 10, 2023. It was the same setup as years past. Ms. Miller said that the program had yet to fill a truck, however, the department was inundated with calls regarding the event.

Ms. Gestring offered to help with the event.

Ms. Fitzsimons updated the committee on the Environmental Dinner. She said they had 310 people signed up. She said it was at the American Legion in Kent. Ms. Fitzsimmons then spoke about the event and the Portage County Parks District Levy.

Adjournment

6:52 pm

ATTEST:

Rachel Miller
Clerk of Parks and Recreation

APPROVED:

Greg Mytinger
Director of Parks and Recreation