

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 6:18 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Dick Rynearson, Chris Yonish, Sheri Gestring, Eileen Fitzsimmons, Wendy Scott-Kemp (arrived at 6:20 pm)

Absent: Marianne Glenn, Wendy Scott-Kemp, Keith Smith

Excusing Keith Smith and Marianne's seat was vacant

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

February 28, 2023

March 28, 2023

MOTION to approve February 28, 2023, and March 28, 2023 meeting minutes motioned by Ms. Gestring and seconded by Mr. Rynerson and Ms. Scott-Kemp.

Beautification Committee Updates

Ms. Gestring updated that the committee opted to not have bulky items pickup and to use the funds towards the traffic signal art boxes project.

Mr. Yonish updated that he had been in contact with the art committee in Stow and was working on setting up a meeting regarding the electrical box project. He added that he had received one quote for pricing on wrapping the electrical boxes and he was waiting on two additional quotes.

Mr. Mytinger recalled the committee wanted to wrap the boxes in high-traffic areas.

The committee then spoke about the longevity of wrapping the boxes and Ms. Scott-Kemp felt the City of Kent's held up well and Ms. Fitzsimmons said she believed that Stow replaced theirs every 3 years.

Mr. Mytinger asked for Mr. Yonish to reach out to Stow, and Ms. Gestring said she would gather submission requirements.

Mr. Yonish questioned if the department replaced the Adopt-A-Spot signs that were faded. Mr. Mytinger said no, but would get to them.

Old Business:

a. Parks & Recreation & Senior Center Facility Update

Mr. Mytinger said the construction company was relocating a lot of the dirt that was removed from the site to the new city hall site. By moving the dirt, it was saving the city nearly \$50,000. He added they were also reserving dirt to reseed the community center site when it was completed.

b. Floyd North Bicentennial Park

Mr. Mytinger updated that EDG was approved to do the design and bid package at the Floyd North Bicentennial Park. He explained phase one of the project was a reimbursable grant of up to \$245,000. Phase two would include restrooms, but the installation of restrooms was very costly so the department may decide to complete a few other projects first. Once the park was complete it would include restrooms, exercise equipment, a fishing dock, full parking lot.

c. Recap from Park Tour

Mr. Mytinger said his big takeaway was there was not enough parking at City Park. He explained during community-based tournaments there were approximately over 1700 people who came through. He continued to explain people tended to find parking wherever they could find it – which happened to be on the soccer field. Luckily it was dry and nothing was damaged.

Mr. Rynerson mentioned the economic impact those kinds of events had on the city.

Mr. Mytinger said the Visitors Bureau provided coupons to teams and families that were visiting for the tournaments.

Ms. Gestring asked about the field by the Annex and asked if that could be utilized as parking and Mr. Mytinger said it was school property and could not be used by the city.

Mr. Mytinger then spoke a little about how they would like to change the flow of traffic in the park.

Ms. Scott-Kemp said the parks needed more trash cans.

Ms. Pavlick asked if the department had discussed impervious paving. She said it had less of an impact on stormwater and runoff. Ms. Pavlick also agreed there was a lot of trash in the park. She felt a cleanup day would not be helpful because it was continuous.

d. Library AC Unit

Mr. Mytinger updated that the library AC unit caught fire and was recently replaced. He said it was about a \$6,000 repair.

Mr. Mytinger said he would then start to begin the process to get the ADA doors replaced at the library.

Mr. Mytinger updated that a new picnic table was brought to the library.

New Business

a. Summer Program Guide

Mr. Mytinger said the Department was working on getting event information ready for August – January programming.

b. Ward 1 PRCAC vacancy

Mr. Mytinger said they had lost a PRCAC member due to a Council appointment. Ms. Gestring said she lived in Ward 1, but currently held an At-large PRCAC seat, and would be willing to move to Ward 1 to fill an At-Large seat.

Ms. Scott-Kemp asked about ADA-accessible playground equipment. Mr. Mytinger said one day the department had hoped to get there, but the upfront cost is very expensive.

Ms. Gestring asked if Portage County had an ADA park and questioned if it was something they could do in conjunction with the county.

Ms. Fitzsimmons said Rootstown had an ADA-accessible park and it was over a half million dollars. Ms. Gestring added Rootstown was a pretty far distance to travel from Streetsboro to attend one.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked if they were putting one near the splash pad. Mr. Mytinger confirmed and said most playgrounds incorporated ADA-accessible structures.

Ms. Gestring asked if there were grants available and Mr. Mytinger believed so.

Mr. Mytinger said he was not sure how many play elements there would be at the new playground, but knew it incorporated ADA-accessible elements.

Ms. Pavlick said she would love to see a more inclusive playground.

Announcements:

Mr. Yupa

Mr. Yupa said he spoke with Mr. Mytinger regarding a southern portion of Thomas Heritage Park. He said he was fortunate enough to own a portion of the Beaver Pond and there was an area of woods that was beautiful. He said maybe sometime in the future they could extend trails in that area.

Mr. Yupa passed around some pictures his daughter photographed and then they all spoke among themselves on the location.

He then mentioned observing tree stands in the park and felt some people who lived on Season used it as their private hunting ground.

He extended the offer for the committee member to join him on a hike.

Adjournment

7:28 pm

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Rachel Miller
Clerk of Parks and Recreation

Greg Mytinger
Director of Parks and Recreation