

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 6:17 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Approval of Parks & Recreation Advisory Meeting Minutes. April 26, 2023

Ms. Gestring noted a few spelling errors.

MOTION: With spelling errors noted MOTION to approve the April 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Motioned by Mr. Yonish and seconded by Ms. Gestring. Upon voice vote, the motion carried.

Beautification Committee Updates:

A. Electrical Box Project review/timeline

Mr. Yonish provided the committee with two of the three quotes he had received. Mr. Yonish explained he was going to receive a written quote from Special Vinyl Unit (SVU) regarding the pricing he had discussed with them. Mr. Yonish reviewed the pricing noting the quotes came in at \$893, \$863 and SVU quoted \$543 explaining if the City purchased 5 or more electrical box wraps they would offer a special incentive at \$500 each.

Ms. Scott-Kemp questioned why SVU was much lower and Mr. Yonish advised the committee to check out his work and quality.

Ms. Pavlick asked what the duration of the wraps was and Mr. Mytinger said 3-5 years. However, other communities noted they were lasting longer.

Mr. Mytinger provided an art submission flyer for the committee to review.

The committee then discussed the schematics and sizes of the panels on the boxes.

The committee then discussed not covering the back of the panel to lower the cost.

Ms. Pavlick asked when the cutoff would be and Mr. Mytinger said March 15 in hopes of a June install.

After receiving their feedback Mr. Mytinger said he would like a PRCAC member to present the project to Council to discuss the project and what was happening. Ms. Pavlick volunteered to go to Council.

B. Season Banners

Mr. Mytinger presented banners designed by Mr. Shaffer and the committee agreed they liked the more generic banners better.

Ms. Pavlick questioned some of the locations in the city where planter boxes were discussed cleaning them up and then volunteered to care for the boxes.

Mr. Mytinger said he would not mind taking out the boxes themselves and letting the Hostas grow. Ms. Pavlick said she would clean them out before the winter. Mr. Mytinger told her to let him know when she planned to go and he would try to get her some help.

Old Business:

A. Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Facility Update

Mr. Mytinger said the majority of the drywall was up and they were working on the entryway, along with digging out for the new parking lot. He believed they would be starting painting in November.

Ms. Gestring asked if the parking lot was going to be lined and Mr. Mytinger confirmed.

Ms. Fitzimmons mentioned the rental information policies and procedures and the committee then talked about the form Mr. Mytinger provided. Mr. Mytinger described how he came up with the pricing of the rentals.

Ms. Pavlick asked about special rates for non-profit groups. Mr. Mytinger responded that they have not discussed reduced rates.

Ms. Scott-Kemp asked about a meeting/event to span over multiple days such as a craft show. He said that scenario would be more of a program or partnership through the city/department.

Mr. Rynearson said he believed policies would change as the department gained experience.

Ms. Pavlick asked if the department was still renting the pavilions and Mr. Mytinger confirmed.

New Business

A. Senior Center Update

Mr. Mytinger advised the committee to take a look at the calendar she provided. He said as of now they had fitness classes 4 out of the 5 days per week. Ms. Scott-Kemp asked if old members were renewing their memberships and Mr. Mytinger confirmed. Saying a big draw were the trips they offered. They spoke about the challenges they had regarding trips filling up fast. They then discussed bussing options and ideas.

B. Awards Submission

Mr. Mytinger said the department submitted an award topic to OPRA for the Senior program A Night of Stories. He said they should know if they won by December. Mytinger also added that two of their Senior Members, Marla and Steve Manijak were recognized at the Portage Foundation for volunteering efforts.

C. Program Guide

Mytinger said the department was gathering information for the Community Program Guide. He mentioned challenging the department to add more stories from the community. He said he wanted to get more information to the community instead of the community having to search for it.

The committee then discussed adding the Eclipse program write-up in the program guide, regarding the Ambassador Certification / grant the Friends of Streetsboro Parks received. The committee then discussed possible speakers for the Eclipse event. Mr. Rynerson recommended reaching out to Hiram to see if they had possible speakers for the event. Mr. Rynerson added that those in Education have to do so many hours of community awareness and this could be a good opportunity.

D. Trunk or Treat Update

Mytinger updated that the event had 45 vendors and a massive amount of community participation – regardless of the rainy evening. He also added The Weiner Guy vendor did very well at the event and sold out.

E. Beer Fest

Mytinger updated that they had to cancel the Pickleball tournament due to the weather. Unfortunately, it was a very cold, rainy day. He said there were 26 people registered and had been refunded. He said the interest was there for a Pickleball tournament and would like to try and offer it again. He added he was unaware of the turnout at Beer Fest.

Ms. Scott-Kemp commented that foul balls were reaching the playground and questioned if netting could be an option. Mr. Mytinger said it would be difficult given the wind conditions at the park and advised he would put up more signs.

Ms. Scott-Kemp added that there was an age gap among 5-year-olds and was hoping to see more programming for that age group.

Ms. Scott-Kemp asked if the playground going into the City Center was ADA accessible and Mr. Mytinger confirmed. He was not sure exactly how many elements were specifically for a wheelchair user, but there were some.

Ms. Fitzsimmons and Ms. Scott-Kemp asked for a rendering of the playground to be sent to them and Mr. Mytinger confirmed.

Adjournment

7:35 pm

ATTEST:

Rachel Miller
Clerk of Parks and Recreation

APPROVED:

Greg Mytinger
Director of Parks and Recreation