

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 6:15pm.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: Sheri Gestring, Eileen Fitzsimmons, Richard Rynearson, Scott Clark, Joshua Lampa, Keith Smith, Amanda Hall

Absent: None

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

None.

**Beautification Committee Update:**

No updates at this time.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked if the city would continue with their usual plantings and Mr. Mytinger confirmed. At the moment Mr. Mytinger said all capital improve spending was on hold.

**Old Business:**

A. Nature works grant update

Mr. Mytinger said everything for the grant was signed and ready to go, however all capital spending and projects were put on hold due to Covid-19. Mr. Mytinger said he was looking forward to starting the project and hoped it would be around late fall.

B. Tree Bench Dedication Program & Hometown Heroes Banner Program

Mr. Mytinger updated that the department had 5 trees sold. He explained they were working with Graphic Expressions on the plaques.

Mr. Mytinger said they were also working with Graphic Expression on the Hometown Heroes Banner project as well. He said they had already sold a handful of banners and felt as soon as they went up on Market Square Drive and gained exposure a lot more people would be interested.

Ms. Gestring asked how many banner the Department could put up and Mr. Mytinger said approximately 97.

C. Thomas Heritage Park Improvements

a. Kiosks & Trail Markers

Mytinger said the kiosk was done and the Department just needed to purchase case and map, however all purchases were on hold. He added that the Department was going to build benches so people could sit along with a small concrete pad. Mr. Mytinger added they were going to put up trail markers as well. The committee then discussed some recent visits to Thomas Heritage Park.

b. Solar Light

Mr. Mytinger said they had everything they needed to put up solar lights at Thomas Heritage Park. As soon as time and weather permitted they would install. He explained the lights were on a motion detector and would light up when motion was detected.

Mr. Mytinger addressed a question that Mr. Smith asked regarding how wet the Dog Park was and explained he got some quotes on drainage and a water pump. He said it cost approximately \$6,000 - \$7,000 to drill and put a pump in and he was hoping they could work it into the budget next year.

D. Drainage and Walking Path at City Park

Mr. Mytinger updated that the drainage was in place and working.

Ms. Hall updated that more large rocks has been thrown into Yoder Ditch.

E. Community Stage

Mr. Mytinger said the community stage project was on hold. He said they received two good submissions regarding the project. He felt the consultants were part of the music industry and put atmosphere and design into consideration. Mr. Rynearson asked for the community stage proposals be sent the committee.

**New Business:**

A. Programs and Activity Closures

Mr. Mytinger said based on recommendation from the Ohio Governor the Department decided to put out a June 1 date that the Department/program and activates could possibly reopen. He said they would reevaluate May 20, 2020. Mr. Mytinger said a lot of communities cancelled summer camp programs.

Mr. Mytinger updated that Safety Land would be cancelled and they discussed other closures.

B. Introduction of the Friends of the Park Group

Ms. Fitzsimmons wanted to make everyone aware that a group of individuals got together to create Friends of Streetsboro Parks. She said they were in the beginning stages and was waiting for IRS approval. More information would be coming soon.

Mr. Mytinger said when they were ready for memberships the Parks and Recreation Department would help spread the word.

**Directors Report:**

Mr. Mytinger explained mostly everything had been cancelled due to the State's restriction due to Covid-19. Mr. Mytinger did point out that Google was doing mobility reports since the Stay at Home order has been in effect and said Park usage was up 82% in Ohio. He felt this might help show the importance of parks.

Ms. Gestring asked if at risk seniors were being contacted about their wellbeing. Mr. Mytinger said Tressie was keeping in touch with seniors, but Mr. Mytinger had not received any calls of need at this time.

**Announcements:**

Next meeting was Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:15pm. 6:52pm

**Adjournment**

6:52pm

ATTEST:

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Rachel Miller  
Clerk of Parks and Recreation

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Greg Mytinger  
Director of Parks and Recreation

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