

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:15pm.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: Amanda Hall

Motion to excuse Ms. Hall approved by Ms. Fitzsimmons and seconded by Mr. Clark.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

October 22, 2019

January 28, 2020

Approved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rynearson.

**Beautification Committee Update:**

Mr. Lampa began the discussion regarding hanging baskets under the Hometown Heroes Banners. Mr. Mytinger said it had recently been brought to their attention that nothing could hang under the banners closest to the road due to semitruck clearances.

Mr. Mytinger then said he looked into additional hanging basket options; however, watering was an issue. He said he consulted with other comminutes on watering and man-hours and to ensure the plant survival. He explained the volume surrounding cities watered their hanging baskets (to ensure survival) the Parks Department did not have the staff availability, considering they had a staff of two full-time employees. He then explained he took the direction of looking into self-watering options. He explained the department would only need to water twice per week, opposed 5 – 7 days per week depending on weather. The committee then discussed some options and ideas.

Mr. Lampa then added he was working on some details with Mr. Allen for a fall clean up.

**Old Business:**

A. Program and activity updates

Mr. Mytinger informed the committee the department started a summer lacrosse programs, he went on to explain fitness classes resumed in June but numbers were down. He updated that the Senior Center was still closed. And added that there had been quite a few field rentals for tournaments.

B. Banner and Tree Program update

Mr. Mytinger said the Hometown Heroes Banners went up earlier in the week and the department received rave reviews and sold several for the next installment.

Mr. Clark questioned if the banner could be larger and most agreed. Mr. Mytinger said all the brackets that the City purchased to fit the current size. He said in the office they appeared very large but once they were up they looked much smaller. Mr. Clark mentioned that he really loved the program and regardless of the size they still looked great.

Mr. Mytinger then updated that all the trees (from the Tree and Bench Program) were planted and one needed replaced.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked about planting a tree for Helen Gregory.

**New Business:**

A. City Parks Basketball Courts

Mr. Mytinger said the department received approval to being the project around March 2020 (the start of COVID shutdowns). Due to the COVID shutdowns he planned to resume the project and reminded the committee they still had to complete the project within the 18-month time frame the grant outlined. And the clock was ticking.

Mr. Clark said he would love the opportunity to review the designs.

B. Summer Program Ideas

Mr. Mytinger said programming had been difficult. He explained they were trained to program social/community gatherings to now the department had been forced to program for individuals. He said they began to look into scavenger hunts, fitness in the park, and storybook walks. Mr. Mytinger then asked the committee for suggestions.

Ms. Gestring suggested a kite festival.

Mr. Rynearson said he really liked the storybook walk and discussed finding options.

Mr. Mytinger said they were working on programming for the senior population.

Mr. Lampa suggested a pumpkin carving event.

Mr. Mytinger said he did not want to duplicate what the pumpkin patch were doing but maybe they could throw something together.

**Directors Report:**

Mr. Mytinger said they received the kiosk at Thomas Heritage and needed to install the trail markers. He said the community stage project was placed on hold due to COVID. He added that the drainage on fields 8 and 9 was working well.

**Announcements:**

Next meeting was Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:15pm.

**Adjournment**

7:01pm

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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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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