

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 6:15pm.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: Chris Yonish, Sheri Gestring, Eileen Fitzsimmons, Joshua Lampa, Keith Smith, Amanda Hall, Dick Rynearson

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- a. May 26, 2020

MOTION: To approve Parks and Recreation Advisory meeting minutes from May 26, 2020 moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Gestring.

The committee took this time for Mr. Yonish introduced himself. He would be replacing Mr. Clark on the committee.

**Beautification Committee Update:**

Mr. Lampa said the Bulky Item Collection day was a success. He felt the key factor was the ability to pick-up items up for resident's homes. Mr. Lampa said he hoped to do a spring and fall collection in the future. He then suggested finding better deals on dumpster rentals. Mr. Lampa went on the explain that he rented a box truck for the event to accommodate the pick-ups for residents. He also had the help of friends with trucks and volunteers to help carry the items.

Mr. Mytinger suggested contacting an E-recycling center to collect electronic items. Mr. Mytinger also suggested possibly scheduling the event on the same day as the Community Shred Day.

Mr. Rynearson suggested being able to incorporate paint recycling.

**Old Business:**

- A. City Park Basketball Courts Update

Mr. Mytinger updated the committee that the City contracted with GPD on the basketball courts project and were waiting on a bid package. Mr. Mytinger explained the City and Council had discussion regarding the City of Streetsboro sponsoring the rental of a stage until a permeant solution was agreed upon. Mr. Mytinger said they would be having more conversation about this in the future.

**New Business:**

- A. Community Scavenger Hunt

Mr. Mytinger said this event was going to begin this weekend. He said they partnered with the Streetsboro Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mytinger went on to explain the event and how the Community Scavenger Hunt worked.

Ms. Gestring asked for clarification on what 12 – 15 tasks per week meant. Mr. Mytinger said each round began on the Saturdays – to allow participants time to complete the tasks. He said some questions were easy and some were hard. He then added they would add a help section online if people were really stuck on something.

Ms. Hall asked if there was a cost and Mr. Mytinger said it was free.

#### B. 2021 Budget

Mr. Mytinger said the budget was briefly discussed at the August PRCAC meeting, but since it was not an official meeting, he wanted to bring it up again. Mr. Mytinger explained there was a budget meeting scheduled in October 2020 that included the Finance Director and the Mayor to go over everything, but he wanted to make the committee aware of what he was presenting. He then went on to explain the accounts to Mr. Yonish since he was new to the committee.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked about the cell phone tower revenue. Mr. Mytinger said it was not listed as a separate line item. The revenue was just added to the Parks Capital Improvements line.

Ms. Fitzsimmons also asked if the cell tower revenue could be renegotiated because there was a lot more cell usage since the tower was put in. Mr. Mytinger was unsure since this project was done in his absence, but he would look into it.

In response to a question Mr. Rynearson asked Mr. Mytinger said there was not a lot of wiggle room in his budget. The department was operating on bare bones already.

#### C. Senior Center Reopening

The Governor stated that Senior Centers could reopen on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, however the Streetsboro Senior Center did not. One of the reopening requirements was the staff had to be COVID tested every two weeks. There was no other detail on how, where to be tested or who was paying for it. These are the things the department needed to look into.

Ms. Hall read that participant and staff needed to be tested. Mr. Mytinger said he believed participants needed to self-test (symptom-based check).

Mr. Lampa asked if any money would be available from the County to help pay for sanitization stations and COVID tests. Mr. Mytinger said that was something he was going to ask HR about.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked about a grand reopening for the Senior Center. Mr. Mytinger said it was talked about and he liked the idea, but said there was still a mandate to avoid large gatherings. He went on to explain that the biggest challenge in the senior center was gathering contact information. Most of the current seniors did not have email or computers. Ms. Hall suggested a neighborhood walk and handing out info. The committee then discussed different ways to get in touch with the senior population.

#### D. Student PRCAC member

Mr. Mytinger proposed a Student PRCAC member job description for the committee's review.

Mr. Smith suggested asking for Juniors and Seniors. Other members suggested all four years.

Ms. Hall said they should have to fill out an application.

Ms. Gestring asked for a possible letter of recommendation.

Ms. Fitzsimmons suggested a short essay or letter of interest.

Mr. Mytinger said he liked the idea about a lead helper or student liaison for Safety Land.

Mr. Smith asked who would decide and then suggested a start time in January 2021.

#### E. Sand Volleyball Courts

Mr. Mytinger explained there was discussion at the previous Council meeting to modify capital improvement timelines, since the department was unable to purchase a new truck in 2020 (due to COVID), the department had the money available to purchase sand volleyball courts. Mr. Mytinger then provided some diagrams for the committee to review of sand volleyball courts. The committee then had additional discussion on location of the potential courts.

#### F. Trail Lake

Ms. Fitzsimmons explained the park was coming along. The parking lot was paved along with walking path. She said the tentative park opening was scheduled for October 24, 2020. Ms. Fitzsimmons said on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Friends of the Parks and PRCAC members were able to get a preview of the park. Ms. Fitzsimmons expressed interest in having the city donate something to the new park. She referenced a possible bench or tree. Mr. Mytinger said he like the idea of fishing line recycling stations.

Ms. Hall and Ms. Gestring said they both planned to attend.

#### G. Friends of Streetsboro Parks Arch Way Project

Mr. Mytinger said he found a design from 2013 and the idea of selling tiles for the archway. Mr. Mytinger said FOSP was going to take on the project and were excited to help.

#### H. Storybook Walk

Friends of Streetsboro Parks and Friends of Pierce Library donated a total of \$850 towards Storybook walk program. Mr. Mytinger went on to explain the program in greater detail. Mr. Mytinger added the Storybook walk was portable so it could be featured in different parks – possibly the Tail Lake Park at some point too.

#### **Directors Report:**

Mr. Mytinger explained Trunk or Treat was going to be a drive-thru version this year. Mr. Mytinger said the Streetsboro Parks Department announced a drive-thru version before the Ohio Governor made the suggestions and FOX 8 News picked it up and contacted Mr. Mytinger for a story.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked if volunteers were needed and Mr. Mytinger said PRCAC could have their own spot.

Mr. Mytinger said the department put in a request for the annual Trunk or Treat candy grant from Walmart, but Walmart had not responded.

Ms. Hall said she was going to try and get a school bus again.

Mr. Mytinger said the solar lights was put up at Thomas Heritage along with trail markers and installed new flower beds.

The committee then had some discussion on creative ways to hand out candy.

Mr. Lampa then suggested doing a Streetsboro mud run – possibly at Thomas Heritage Park.

**Announcements:**

Next meeting Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:15pm.

**Adjournment**

7:18pm

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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