

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:15pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Chris Yonish (zoom), Sheri Gestring, Eileen Fitzsimmons, Joshua Lampa, Amanda Hall, Dick Rynearson (zoom)

Absent: Keith Smith

PRCAC Committee Nominations:

Mr. Mytinger asked if anyone would like to nominate themselves, or nominate someone for Chair and Vice-chair of the PRCAC Committee.

Ms. Gestring nominated Mr. Lampa for Chair. Ms. Fitzsimmons seconded and Ms. Hall agreed. Mr. Lampa accepted the nomination and with no other nominations, upon voice vote Mr. Lampa was now the PRCAC chair person.

Mr. Mytinger asked for nominations for Vicechair. Mr. Lampa nominated Ms. Hall and Ms. Gestring seconded his nominations. With no other nominations, upon voice vote Ms. Hall was now the PRCAC Vice-chair person.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

None at this time.

Beautification Committee Update:

Mr. Lampa said there were no updates at his time. He said he was going to work on getting dumpster quotes for another community cleanup day. He was also looking into the possibility of doing a cleanup of the roads.

Mr. Mytinger added that there were only 11 spots left for the Hometown Heroes banners.

Ms. Gestring asked about the planting (adopt a spot locations).

Ms. Fitzsimmons said the City sign on 303 was partially broken. Mr. Mytinger said it has been replaced a few times due to the truck traffic.

Mr. Rynearson said the Soil and Water Conservation Committee was going to have their annual tree sale. Mr. Rynearson also suggested adding more native species to Thomas Heritage Park. He then presented the idea of a small tree nursery. Mr. Lampa said the Pike Parkway property could be a possible location.

Ms. Fitzsimmons said she would like to do something for Arbor Day with the seedlings. Mr. Mytinger said he would reach out to the schools for a possible program.

Ms. Miller (the Department Admin) said shred day was scheduled for June 12, 2021 if the Beautification Committee was interested in scheduling another Bulky Item Clean up around the same time.

Mr. Lamps said he would work on pricing and should have something by the next meeting.

Old Business:

A. City Park Basketball Courts Update

Mr. Mytinger said all contracts had been signed and PO's were issued. He said the old basketball court and stage had been removed. He said they were hoping to put a base layer down in February and as soon as asphalt companies reopened, they could begin construction. Mr. Mytinger said he would like to do a ribbon cutting ceremony or a basketball free throw event.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked for an update on the volleyball courts and Mr. Mytinger said the light poles and net were in, but the Department ran into weather issues and illness. He hoped to be in February or March.

B. Student PRCAC Liaison

Mr. Mytinger said the Department had not received any candidates yet.

Mr. Rynearson asked for an update on the Story Walk and Mr. Mytinger said the new story had been purchased and would go up in the next few weeks.

Ms. Gestring asked about any the feedback department received on the program and Mr. Mytinger said they saw a few positive things on Facebook.

Mr. Rynearson said he saw a few kids and their parents in the park reading it.

Ms. Fitzsimmons suggested lining the walking path on both sides instead of the street. She felt once the park started to get busier it would be safer to keep them off the street.

New Business:

A. Community Event Program Updates

Mr. Mytinger said they were looking to have a kids Biathlon in the spring to generate some interest in the winter games. He added that the department was also working on Summer Camp and the Easter Egg Hunt. The committee then spoke about logistic of the Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. Mytinger then explained program planning was being played by ear as facilities became available to the department.

Mr. Mytinger said the department and senior center were working to integrate senior programs into the mix, however the department was being very careful.

B. Community Stage Project

Mr. Mytinger explained this was brought up at the previous council meeting. Now that things were getting back on track from the COVID closures they were ready to start the discussion again, however location and cost still needed to be determined.

C. 2021 Budget

Mr. Mytinger said the general fund encompassed the 101 accounts and general supplies for the parks. Mr. Mytinger then went through the line items and explained them.

Ms. Gestring asked where the department was compared to last year, Mr. Mytinger said they were about the same.

Mr. Mytinger then described some capital improvement items. One included a well pump at Thomas Heritage Dog Park.

D. Improvements at Thomas Heritage Park

Mr. Mytinger said they were looking into a water pump and wells at Thomas Heritage Park. The committee discussed location and some logistics of water flow.

Ms. Gestring asked about a timeframe and Mr. Mytinger was not sure. He thought maybe late spring.

Ms. Gestring mentioned her and Ms. Fitzsimmons at the possibility of an event at Thomas Heritage Park Dog Park. Ms. Fitzsimmons added that the Friend's group wanted to sell tiles to make an entrance way to the dog park as a possible fundraising opportunity.

Mr. Lampa suggested working with a shelter and have an adoption drive and mentioned having vendors who make homemade dog treats attend the events.

E. Annual Report

He hoped to have it but it was not quite complete.

Mr. Mytinger updated that the Department booked just about every weekend in June at City Park for baseball tournaments and asked if anyone was looking for a summer job to let him know.

Mr. Lampa asked about any inquiries about for future weddings at Thomas Heritage Park and Mr. Mytinger said he had one inquiry but nothing more than that.

Ms. Gestring asked about the pavilion being available for the Ice Cream Social.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked if there was still a plan to put a pavilion at Thomas Heritage Park and Mr. Mytinger said yes.

Mr. Lampa asked if a fence was fixed at Thomas Heritage and Mr. Mytinger said he would double check, but believed so.

Directors Report:

Adjournment

7:04pm

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Rachel Miller
Clerk of Parks and Recreation

Greg Mytinger
Director of Parks and Recreation

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