

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6:17pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Motion to acknowledge that Mr. Yonish would be attending the meeting late due to a work commitment. Moved by Ms. Gestring and seconded by Mr. Smith.

[Chris Yonish entered the meeting at approximately 6:24pm via zoom].

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory meeting minutes:

- a. June 2020
- b. July 2020 meeting minutes were inaudible and were taking longer to complete
- c. August 2020 – unofficial meeting
- d. September 2020

Motion to approve Parks and Recreation Meeting minutes from June 2020 and September 2020: Motioned by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. Rynearson.

Beautification Committee Update:

Mr. Lampa explained at the previous PRCAC meeting he was going to reach out to other dumpster rental vendors and he was hopeful he would have some quotes at the next meeting.

Ms. Gestring asked if they were going to do electronic recycling and Mr. Lampa said he would like to and asked Mr. Rynearson if he knew of anyone. Ms. Fitzsimmons said the City of Kent was hosting electronics recycling in March and perhaps the committee could find out who the vendor was.

Old Business:

A. Lynda Styles

Mr. Mytinger introduced Ms. Styles. Ms. Styles joined the meeting via Zoom. Ms. Styles began by saying the Senior Center was working on a Motorcycle Awareness event to help Seniors drive more safely around motorcycles. More details would be released soon. She informed the committee that they were currently playing bingo, and offering dance lessons in the Senior Center.

Senior Center Program Updates

- i. National Senior Fitness Day – May 27, 2021
- ii. Senior Memberships
- iii. Walking Club

B. Community Stage Discussion

Mr. Mytinger said he was still gathering information and would have more information soon. Mr. Mytinger added that the city was going to rent a stage for Family Days in 2020, however he was unsure if Family Days was even going to take place in 2020 due to COVID restrictions. Ms. Gestring asked about a location of a stage and Mr. Mytinger responded that there were three locations the Stage Committee had in mind and they were still discussing options.

C. Sand Volleyball Courts

Mr. Mytinger said he was submitting an amendment to Council in March explaining the department needed to add a vendor and amend prices due to the increase in building materials. Mr. Lampa asked if the department planned to reuse light poles that had been replaced throughout the city. Mr. Mytinger said if he was refereeing to the traffic poles, they were too large.

Mr. Mytinger then added that basketball court contractor (NES) planned to lay base material in effort to allow it to settle for a few weeks before asphalt companies reopened in April. Once the basketball courts were complete the department had planned to have a ribbon cutting ceremony.

D. Tree in honor of Helen Gregory

Ms. Fitzsimmons explained Helen was on the original Greenspace committee before going to the Portage Parks Foundation. The new Trail Lake Park had a canoe launch in honor of Ms. Gregory and Ms. Fitzsimmons wanted to plant a tree at Thomas Heritage Park in here memory because she had really been the driving force for greenspace and conservation the community. Mr. Rynearson suggested contacting her husband and seeing if he had input. The committee felt that was a good idea.

New Business:

A. Easter Egg Hunt

i. March 27, 2021 from 9am-noon at City Park

Mr. Mytinger explained the department would stagger the start times and participants needed to pre-register. Mr. Mytinger asked for volunteers beginning at 9:00am.

Annual Report – attached.

Directors Report – attached.

Ms. Gestring asked if the department was going to offer Safety Land and Mr. Mytinger said possibly. Currently the Department was dependent on the schools for that program. Mr. Mytinger explained as of now they did not have use of the schools due to COVID. Mr. Mytinger added they were in the same situation with summer camp.

Mr. Rynearson took a minute to commend the Parks and Recreation Department for the spring Program Guide.

Ms. Fitzsimmons was happy to see the story walk continuing. She added there was a new librarian at Streetsboro Pierce Library and they donated books to the Portage County Jail because they didn't have any books.

Directors Report:

Adjournment

7:00pm

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Rachel Miller
Clerk of Parks and Recreation

Greg Mytinger
Director of Parks and Recreation

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