

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:19pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Dick Rynearson, Sheri Gestring, Eileen Fitzsimmons, Joshua Lampa

Absent: Amanda Hall, Chris Yonish, Keith Smith

MOTION: To excuse Ms. Hall, Mr. Yonish and Mr. Smith. Motioned by Ms. Gestring seconded by Mr. Rynearson.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To approve February 23, 2021 PRCAC meeting minutes. Moved by Ms. Gestring and seconded by Ms. Fitzsimmons with the following corrections:

Ms. Gestring and Mr. Lampa corrected an error in a date changing it from 2020 to 2021.

Ms. Fitzsimmons wanted to change wording to “previously donated books to the Portage County Jail.”

Beautification Committee Update:

Mr. Lamp said he received 4 quotes for dumpsters. The first was from Copper-Kurtz at \$540 per 40-yard dumpster, Kimble was \$467 per 40-yard dumpster, Budget Dumpster Rental was the highest at \$713 per 40-yard dumpster, and Top Dog was \$650 per 30-yard dumpster.

Mr. Lampa explained Kimble was the best deal and Kimble also partnered with a company in Minerva to deliver an extra 40 yard dumber to recycle tires. The fee to haul the tires would be an additional \$475.00. Mr. Lampa said in total it would cost approximately \$2,343.00. He added the tires needed to have the rim removed. Without the tire recycling option, the total would be \$1,868.00.

Ms. Gestring questioned if a tire recycling would be beneficial. Mr. Lampa felt it would be more beneficial than electronics. Ms. Gestring asked if Kimble would still take electronics and Mr. Lampa said yes, they just would not be recycling them.

Mr. Rynerson asked what electronics they would not take and Ms. Gestring said probably certain types of batteries.

Mr. Lampa suggested possibly holding the city clean-up event in conjunction with the Community Shred Day but felt the June 2021 date was quickly approaching and thought September would be better.

Ms. Fitzsimmons suggested doing an electronics recycling event with Shred Day.

Ms. Gestring then recapped the electronics recycling fees.

Mr. Mytinger suggested partnering with Kent to create a Streetsboro/Kent event. The committee then had discussion on potential dates and items the event could encompass. Mr. Lampa suggested tabling the discussion and they could make a decision at the next meeting.

Mr. Mytinger then asked if the committee could move agenda item C in New Business up so the Girl Scout Troop could do their presentation. The committee agreed.

New Business:

c. Girl Sout Troop 60586 Silver Award: Pollinator Garden

Jessica began by reading a PowerPoint presentation. Raquel went on to explain why pollinator insects were dying off and the importance of a pollinator garden. Harmony then went over the benefits of the garden for the community.

Mr. Mytinger asked if the Troop had a location in mind and they said they were up to suggestions from the Parks and Recreation Department. They suggested somewhere near the library or schools.

Mr. Rynerson ask how large the garden would be and the Troop said it was undecided depending on the location.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked about a water source and they were not sure, so the committee talked about locations that could offer a water source.

Mr. Mytinger asked when the project needed to be completed and the Troop said over the summer.

Mr. Mytinger asked about budget and they were not sure because they were going to try and get donations to raise money for the project.

Mr. Mytinger then suggested two possible locations, one was a new parcel that was donated by the Geise Company off of Aurora Hudson Road. He said this location had a gravel parking area and small lake. His next suggestion was a parcel located on Tower and Pike. He said unfortunately it did not have water source or parking at this time. Mr. Mytinger then suggested a walk through with the Troop in efforts to establish a location, size, and plants.

Mr. Mytinger suggested moving this to next month's meeting and in the meantime schedule a walk though and get a more concrete plan in place. All agreed.

Mr. Rynerson suggested visiting the Holden Arboretum and talking with Jennifer White at Portage Parks for more information and ideas if they haven't already done so. Both were great sources of information.

Mr. Mytinger said he would be in touch for dates to walk though the properties.

Mr. Lampa said he would be there to help with a workforce if needed.

Old Business:

a. Tree and Bench Program Update:

Mr. Mytinger explained the department planned to plant 18 trees between the beautification and tree dedication program funds. He said he was working with Graphic Expressions to get the plaque information in place.

Lastly, Mr. Mytinger said they would be planting a Buckeye tree for Helen Gregory.

b. Community Stage Discussion

Mr. Mytinger said there had been a lot of discussion surrounding the community stage. He said the Community Stage committee had met multiple times and had met with two consultant groups. The Stage Committee then made a recommendation to enter into a contract with Thrasher Group. Mr. Mytinger said their recommendation would appear on the May 24, 2021 agenda. Mr. Mytinger then described the sequential process of the stage.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked if there was a location in mind and Mr. Mytinger said yes, but wanted to be sure the location would be conducive to the city for the next 20 years.

Ms. Gestring said she would like to see it built where it can be utilized by multiple organizations.

c. Basketball Court Update

Mr. Mytinger said NES applied the final grade to the basketball courts and were currently waiting for it to harden. He believed it had to sit for two weeks before they could paint it.

d. Sand Volleyball Courts Update

Mr. Mytinger said he was working with the Building Department to get the proper permits. He explained since the work was being done in house the permits were a little different.

e. Arbor Day Ceremony for Helen Gregory

Mr. Mytinger said there would be a 1:00pm ceremony for Helen Gregory along with a tree planting. Mr. Rynerson said he thought it would be appropriate to ask Ms. Gregory's husband, Stan to say a few words. The committee agreed.

New Business:

a. Wilcox Playground Improvements

Mr. Mytinger said a piece of playground equipment had been damaged and Game Time suggested two replacement items. Mr. Mytinger then showed the committee some photos of their options and explained the differences. Mr. Mytinger added that the fencing was also going to be replaced around the playground.

b. Thomas Heritage Park Water Pump and Paving

Mr. Mytinger said he had met with Harper well and Pump. He said was told it was a pretty simple job and added the parking lot paving was going to be taking place soon.

c. Bogart McBride: RC Racetrack

Mr. Mytinger had reached out to Mr. McBride a few times because he had questions, but has not had a response. However, the Planning Director was not a fan of a racetrack because of the cars. Mr. Mytinger explained there needed to be restrictions on the cars. Some of the cars were gas powered and very loud. Mr. Rynerson and Mr. Mytinger thought people would enjoy it, however the Parks Department did have the manpower to maintain the track either.

Directors Report:

Adjournment

7:31pm

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Rachel Miller
Clerk of Parks and Recreation

Greg Mytinger
Director of Parks and Recreation

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