

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 6:14 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Josh Lampa, Dick Rynearson, Sheri Gestring, Eileen Fitzsimmons, Keith Smith

Absent: Amanda Hall, Chris Yonish

MOTION: To excuse Ms. Hall. Moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Gestring. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

MOTION: To excuse Mr. Yonish. Moved by Ms. Gestring and seconded by Mr. Smith. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

March 23, 2021

MOTION: To approve. Moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Ms. Gestring. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

Old Business:

Girl Scout Troop 90586 Update to Pollinator Garden:

Ms. Parks said the troop staked a 17' x 17' area and would like to create two pathways so people could go through the garden. Ms. Parks asked if the department had equipment they could use and Mr. Mytinger said they had the equipment but was not sure when the department had the availability to do it. They then tried to gain clarification on some details. Mr. Mytinger asked if they had an educational plaque and the troop said they did not have anything yet.

Mr. Rynerson suggested taking progression pictures of the project.

Beautification Committee Update:

Mr. Lampa said the last update provided was Bulky Item Trash Collection pricing. Ms. Gestring believed they wanted to do the event in the fall.

Ms. Gestring said she tried to reach out to the recycling places in Kent, but received no return phone call.

Mr. Lampa said any Saturday or Sunday in September would work to have another Bulky Items trash event.

The committee then spoke about the cost to recycle certain items if they wanted to incorporate e-recycling. Ms. Fitzsimmons suggested charging individuals to recycle their e-waste or just possibly just not accepting the items that are costly to recycle.

Mr. Rynerson questioned if the city would be receiving \$3.4 million in federal funds. Mr. Mytinger responded by saying yes and no. He explained it was not straight funds, the funds needed to earmarked.

Mr. Mytinger then added that the department wanted to look at the addition of self-watering flower baskets. Mr. Mytinger said a desired location would be boxes at town square instead of hanging from the poles. Mr. Mytinger said the parks guys were so busy that the office staff was going to help plant flowers.

Old Business:

a. Community Stage Discussion – Conceptual Site Plan Planning

Mr. Mytinger said Council had its third read of the plan and it had been approved. The Department then put together a purchase order and signed agreement. Mr. Mytinger added they would put together a timeline so they could begin virtual meetings. Mr. Mytinger said he would keep the committee UpToDate with the timeline.

b. Basketball Court Update

Mr. Mytinger said they would have been done with the courts, but when the company drilled the anchors, they hit a powerline. Mr. Mytinger informed the committee they had called the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS), but unfortunately the line was too deep and OUPS did not pick it up.

c. Sand Volleyball Courts

Mr. Mytinger said they were waiting on GPD to submit the electrical designs, but due to price increases they put in the order with Mars.

d. Paving at Thomas Heritage Update

Mr. Mytinger said he believed this project was schedule with the city-wide paving program. He believed it would begin in August 2021.

Ms. Fitzsimmons asked if they were paving across the bridge into the dog park and Mr. Mytinger said they would be stopping the kiosk.

Mr. Lampa asked if there would be something other than a gravel path and Mr. Mytinger said at the moment there was not anything else scheduled.

New Business:

a. Friends of Streetsboro Parks (FOSP) Program Update

Ms. Fitzsimmons began by saying the organization wanted to do a dog event, possibly at Thomas Heritage Park. The event then transformed into a family event at City Park in October. She explained the purpose was to do something for the dog park and Thomas Heritage Park. Ms. Fitzsimmons went into a little more detail about her thoughts on what she wanted to see from the event. Ms. Fitzsimmons said they were planning it the weekend before Trunk or Treat. Ms. Gestring asked if they would need a permit and Mr. Mytinger said no. He did say however, there were some forms that needed to be filled out for the food truck, but Mr. Mytinger said he believed that went through the Police Department. Ms. Fitzsimmons added she was hoping to get sponsors for the event.

b. Programs Update

Mr. Mytinger said the community received the guide in the mail. Archery was taking place as they spoke. Basketball was pushed back because of the courts. He said Safety Land was back. Summer Camp had not received full compacity for all weeks but was pretty close. Shred Day took place and they discussed how the program hasn't grown much in the 5 years or so they have been doing it.

c. Senior Program Update

Mr. Mytinger said they had 22 seniors signed up for a Cinco De Mato party. He said they had a motorcycle awareness cookout that was pretty well attended. He described the senior health fair. Mr. Mytinger then explained the Senior Membership they were implementing. He said it helped the department track and account for Seniors who attended the center. It also helped build the senior database.

Mr. Mytinger then said the department had a dinner dance coming up and there were sponsorship opportunities available.

Announcement:

Shortened meeting for July 27, 2021 –The committee decided to start at 6:00 pm and end by 6:45 pm.

Directors Report:

Mr. Mytinger said he had a meeting with Leadership Portage County and the group wanted to offer some kind of beer fest and wanted to host it in Streetsboro City Park. They went on to discuss more ideas about the event.

Mr. Mytinger said another event in the works was a 9/11 race. It would mark the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and the group wanted to run 9.1 miles.

Mr. Mytinger then explained that more and more was being asked of the Parks and Recreation staff with fewer and fewer resources. Mr. Mytinger explained a few years ago Council said the city would take on the responsibility of maintain all of Junior Baseball and United Soccer fields. Which was fine, but the department needed more staff. The committee then had brief discussion on the limitations of the department.

Adjournment

7:30 pm

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Rachel Miller
Clerk of Parks and Recreation

Greg Mytinger
Director of Parks and Recreation

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