

City of Streetsboro

Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

This PRCAC meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 6:15 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Josh Lampa, Dick Rynearson, Chris Yonish, Eileen Fitzsimmons, Keith Smith

Absent: Sheri Gestring

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Approval of Parks & Recreation Conservation meeting minutes from April 27, 2021 and May 25, 2021: Approved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Yonish. Ms. Fitzsimmon did note one minor change.

Beautification Updates:

Austin Putt 1907 St. Rt. 303

Mr. Putt said he would like to install a Gaga Ball pit in City Park. Mr. Putt gave a brief explanation of what Gaga Ball was. Mr. Lampa asked Mr. Mytinger if this was an amenity that could be added somewhere in the Parks system. Mr. Putt did not have dimensions at the moment. Mr. Mytinger said he would talk more with the committee and gave Mr. Putt some input on the information they would need.

Mr. Rynearson asked what the age group was who would use this amenity. Mr. Putt said everyone could use it but a lot of teens do.

Old Business:

Community Stage Concept Plan with Thrasher:

Mr. Carnegie (Thrasher Group representative) said at the previous PRCAC meeting two concepts were presented for a community amphitheater. Concept One being near the Police Station and Concept Two being near the baseball fields. He explained concept one was the preferred concept, so they built the design around that. Mr. Carnegie went on to explain the amenities and features of the concept. Mr. Carnegie said the city could pick and choose desired features of the plan and tailor it to fit the city's budget. He then processed to show the committee renderings and 3D views. He responded to a question asking how many people the area would accommodate and responded with approximately 1,200 people. Mr. Smith said he really like it and thought it looked very nice.

Mr. Mytinger asked the size of the grass parking. Mr. Carnegie said they could get approximately 80 - 110 cars.

Mr. Rynearson asked if parking by the Police Department would be available and Mr. Smith and Mr. Mytinger did not think that was an option due to safety concerns.

Mr. Lampa questioned a gravel path (from the drawings) and asked how to keep people contained and not use the path to exit the park. Mr. Mytinger said there would be fencing around the area to provide controlled access points.

Mr. Mytinger asked, on the high end, how much everything listed on the current project would cost. Mr. Carnegie said 2.2 million. Mr. Carnegie elaborated that included grading, asphalt, concrete work, trail, lighting, etc. Mr. Carnegie emphasized the 2.2 million would be the “Cadillac Version” project. He went on to explain the city could cut costs and make tweaks to the project. For example, the service road did not need to be asphalt, they could substitute with gravel in order to keep costs down. He explained they could also complete the plan in phases. Example being phase one could be to get amphitheater constructed and operating. Phase two could be adding asphalt parking lots, or fencing, or permanent restroom structures, etc. He also suggested sometimes companies see the progress and want to purchase the next phase for the city.

Mr. Yonish asked how long the project would take and Thrasher said approximately 4 months. Mr. Mytinger clarified that was just for the construction aspect of it. It would take a little longer to go through the bid process. They then discussed some funding opportunities and grants.

Beautification Committee Updates:

a. Scheduling Bulky Item Clean Up Event

The committee discussed dates and settled on November 6th, 2021 from 10am – 2pm.

b. City Artistic Painting

Mr. Lampa provided a photo from the city of Stow. He explained Stow hired professional artists to paint electric boxes in the city. Mr. Lampa suggested having art students or local talent submit their designs to do the same on Streetsboro’s electrical boxes. Mr. Mytinger said he was unsure if they would be allowed to paint them, considering they were new boxes. The committee then had some discussion about who owned the boxes and the possibility of moving forward with the idea. Councilmen Lampa said he worked with some members of Council from Twinsburg and would reach to them on how they did it.

Announcements

Mr. Mytinger said basketball courts were open and they were getting a lot of use. He said the Department recently had a 9/11 run and thanked everyone for volunteering. He also announced the Parks and Recreation Department was nominated for a Celebrate Portage County award in the Community Improvements category for the Story Walk. Lastly, he added the new program guide was out and updated that they had 98 senior memberships sold.

Mr. Rynearson asked who won the award and he responded that Restoration 44 in Mantua, Ohio won.

He added that he was looking to add water at Thonmas Heritage Park and was then informed by the Water Department they would be running water lines down 303. At this time, he decided to put the project on hold until the Water Department completed running the water lines.

Adjournment

7:14pm

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Rachel Miller

Greg Mytinger

Clerk of Parks and Recreation Director of Parks and Recreation