

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY October 22, 2014
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM 7:30 P.M.

A G E N D A

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- VI. LOBBY
- VII. REPORTS
 - A. COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT
 - B. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT
 - C. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - D. DIRECTORS REPORT
 - E. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT
 - F. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- X. ADJOURNMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: Sept 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order at the N. Ridgeville Senior Center by Chairman Boose at 7:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Dennis Boose, Kelly McCarthy, Chris Turay, Ben Gommel and Director Kevin Fougousse
Absent: Cathy Ebenschweller, excused

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Turay
Yes, 4 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Turay, 2nd by Gommel
Yes, 4 No, 0

LOBBY: Kelly McCarthy on behalf of N R Lions Club reported the club was once again operating Spookville at South Central Park on Fri Oct 10 and Sat Oct 11. The new walking trail gave them an opportunity to set up two haunted paths, one family friendly and one spooky. Pavilion #3 will be the entrance now where they are also collecting non perishable food items for Community Care. All funds raised by the Lions Club remain in North Ridgeville and most funds from this event will be donated to Community Care. Need volunteers to dress in costume and be part of the festivities, groups, friends or families are welcome to set up their own haunted section along either path. New this year is a \$100 prize contest for best scene.

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: Will be seeing things in the newspaper or mailers for two levy's on the ballot in November. Issue #20 - Center Ridge Road widening and improvements to Center Ridge and Lear Nagle Road. Improvements cover items like sidewalks, curbs, storm sewers, retention ponds etc. Issue 21, Income Tax increase of .85% is for the city general fund. The only residents that will see this increase is those that both work and live in the City. First of two public meetings to learn about these levy's will be held 6:00 pm tomorrow at the Ed Center.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: School website has updates on school business, improvements, changes and frequently asked questions section. Encourage everyone with a question or concern to look at website. Homecoming is Oct 3 and encourage everyone to come out to the game and bring non perishable food items to donate to Community Care and beat Midview at this annual friendly food fight. Items desperately needed are peanut butter and jelly, cans or jars of fruit, and cereal.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Unencumbered Trust Fund balance is \$221,281.05.

DIRECTORS REPORT: See report in monthly packet for Revenue and Expenses. Last year we contracted with Site Technology to redo the basketball courts at South Central Park. This spring we noticed some blemishes popping up and Site Technology came out and repaired those areas at no cost. Blemishes continued to pop up as the geo fabric laid did not take. Again, contacted Site Technology and sent pictures. They will be coming out to redo the whole court at no cost. The old will be ripped off and totally redone. Site Technology said this has never happened before and stand behind the product. Chairman Boose inquired of time line, Director Fougousse noted it would take about a week. Member Gommel inquired if it would not be better to wait until spring to have it redone. Director Fougousse would check with Site Technology but was worried that it would be out of warranty by spring and did not know if they would abide by warranty or say it was too late.

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PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: Highlighted some adult programs being offered such as Drawing & Sketching by David Haney, Nutrition 101 Health Seminar, and a new class getting a huge interest is UFO Sightings, Aliens, Extra Terrestrials and Paranormal Activity. Fall Fest is Saturday Oct 11, this is a free family event and this year we are able to have hay rides again along with inflatables, pumpkin painting and many other activities for the kids. Residents can attend this event and walk right over to Spookville. Tots Trick or Treat through City Hall is another free community event. Each Department decorates and employees dress up and pay for the candy that is passed out.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT: None

Chairman Boose inquired of Frontier Park since flooding repairs were made. Director Fougrousse noted it was performing well, the front entry way will be redone next week. Chairman Boose also inquired of Soccer Complex drainage improvements. Director Fougrousse noted all is well. Member Turay reiterated about the gravel lines and was reassured those will sink and grass will cover it over.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Director Fougrousse asked the members to be sure to let him know if there is any information or reports that they would like to see that he is not currently providing. Chairman Boose noted that Kevin is actually providing more information than they had received in the past.

Director Fougrousse also reported that he had researched smoking bans in public parks and wants to re-approach subject. Would like to get together and figure out for next spring how to manage, control and contain smoking bans.

He also explained he is part of a Lorain County Health Department Collaborative called the North Ridgeville Heart and Sole Challenge made up of players within the community trying to promote a healthier city and received funding thru United Way of \$100,000.00 for three fiscal years to promote healthy living. This winter we will be rolling out a complete section in the program guide for healthy cooking classes run by N R residents. Member McCarthy inquired about the funding. Director Fougrousse noted United Way wants to see metrics and statistics. We are doing pre and post surveys and follow up couple months later with another survey to see if participants are still following healthy lifestyle. If we can prove through statistics that it is working, United Way will keep funding. Chairman Boose asked if the \$100,000 was just for North Ridgeville. Director Fougrousse reported it was split between North Ridgeville and Keystone with North Ridgeville receiving approximately \$84,000.00. He further explained that the two cities were each performing, creating and responsible for their own healthy programs separately.

Chairman Boose spoke in regards to the master plan asking everyone to periodically review to make sure we are not missing targets. Recommended getting together in December or January to take a look at projects and funding.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm