

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: July 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order at the North Ridgeville Senior Center by Chairman Chris Turay at 7:30p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Bruce Abens, Chris Turay, Ben Gommel, Cathy Ebenschweller, Kelly McCarthy and Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougerousse

**FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Gommel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McCarthy

Yes, 5 No, 0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of minutes from the May 25, 2016 meeting. No meeting on June 22, 2016.

Motion by McCarthy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gommel for approval of minutes from May 25, 2016.

Yes, 5 No, 0

**LOBBY:**

None

**REPORTS:**

**COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT:**

Council Liaison Bruce Abens stated that Performance Lane is moving through Council. Complaints have been received regarding Sugar Ridge Road and the unexpected uptick of truck traffic utilizing the road. Mayor Gillock is exploring the issue with hopes of a remedy. At the August 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting they will appoint the new council member for Ward 1. There were 3 candidates for the position to represent Ward 1.

**SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT:**

School Board Liaison Kelly McCarthy mentioned that the new Ranger Stadium will hold its' first high school game on Wednesday, August 24 with Boys Soccer. Their will be inflatables, food and drinks to ring in the new year and to formally open the stadium. Alumni have been invited to attend. Their will be a presentation at the stadium during the Girls Soccer Match on Saturday, August 27. The first home game for the football program is on Friday, September 2. The Athletic Department is selling season tickets for the football season and the season tickets start cost \$60.00. The 1<sup>st</sup> day of school is August 23. Public tours of the new 3-8 building will be given with a date / time TBD.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse discussed the revenues and expenses. Trust Fund revenue for June 2016 was \$33,577.48. Trust Fund unencumbered revenue is \$197,462.68. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund for the month of June brought in \$5,047.61. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund unencumbered revenue sits at \$188,765.83. Trust Fund expenses for June were \$23,229.41 and our General Fund expenses for June were \$23,311.08.

**DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse discussed the department commissioning a feasibility study this fall for an Outdoor Family Aquatic Center. We are currently finalizing the RFQ and will send out to interested firms. The study is designed to measure a wide array of variables that will help guide the City. The Parks & Recreation Commission will be involved with the interviewing process and will help select the firm that will represent the City in this endeavor. We are earmarking \$15K for the study and we anticipate the study will be completed in 3 months.

HandsOn NEO has volunteered to re-paint the gazebo in South Central Park. They started on Saturday, June 25 and plan on meeting again on Saturday, July 23 and Saturday, July 30 to finish the project. HandsOn NEO is a 501 (C) – 3 non-profit organization who volunteers to lead projects in local communities. I cannot thank them enough for seeing this project through.

**PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

Preschool Art Hour was held June 15-July 13 and we had a total of 4 kids register for the program. Bricks 4 Kidz Week Long Camp will run August 8-12. You can sign up for the whole week or just a particular day. Each day has a different theme. Our Touch-A-Truck event was held on June 4 in the NR High School Parking Lot. We estimate that 500 individuals attended the event. Our Star Spangled Celebration was held on Saturday, July 2 with the Party in the Park starting at 7:00p.m. The vendors were moved onto Bainbridge Road this year which helped alleviate the congestion on Pop Schultz Lane. Foundations of Adobe Photoshop for Photo Manipulation starts on August 4. Photography Essentials began on July 14 and is being taught by Photographer / Videographer Michelle Schneider. We had a total of 4 participants. Our Jr. Ranger Football Program starts on August 27. We have a total of 79 kids enrolled between grades 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> which is an increase of 31 kids from 2015.

**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

Parks and Recreation Director Fougousse reported on behalf of Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Gary Teel. Parks & Recreation Director Fougousse had no report from Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Gary Teel.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.