

Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: JANUARY 24, 2024



The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Keriann Roach at 7:30p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Jeff Grigsby, Jill Timoteo, Georgia Awig, Keriann Roach and Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse.

Excused Absence: Douglas Hayes

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Roach, 2nd by Timoteo for approval of Agenda.

4 – Yes, 0 – No

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Board Member Jeff Grigsby nominated Douglas Hayes for Chairman, with a 2nd by Timoteo.

4–Yes, 0–No

Douglas Hayes will serve as Chairman for 1 year.

Board Member Keriann Roach nominated Jill Timoteo for Vice-Chairman, with a 2nd by Grigsby

4–Yes, 0–No,

Jill Timoteo will serve as Vice-Chairman for 1 year

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes for our regularly scheduled commission meeting that was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

Motion by Awig, 2nd by Roach for approval of minutes from our commission meeting that was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

4-Yes, 0-No

LOBBY:

No report.

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT:

Councilwoman Georgia Awig mentioned that soon the new police department will be completed. Once completed they will do renovations in the current police department that will house the engineering and building departments. There is a monthly newsletter now. City is currently working on a new website that will come out hopefully in the 1st quarter of this year. Coffee and Conversation with the Mayor is February 12.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT:

Jeff Grigsby reported that the school district/panel chose TDA to be the architect for the new high school/transportation facility. There were tours done again at Willoughby South and also Eastlake North. Separately they did a tour of the transportation facility in Strongsville. Liberty Schools received a grant last year to install doors on the facility. This year they got funding to build permanent partitions at Liberty that have insulation and provide a stronger sound barrier for teaching. Liberty will also add 8 trailers to the school to accommodate growth in the school. The next meeting will be February 6th.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse discussed the revenues and expenses from 2023. Trust Fund revenue in November of 2023 was \$22,241.90 and in December of 2023 was 20,175.18. Trust Fund unencumbered balance at the end of 2023 was \$314,614.26. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund revenue in November of 2023 was \$1,453.34 and in December of 2023 it was \$2,204.73. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund unencumbered balance at the end of 2023 was \$281,051.26. Our General Fund expenses in November 2023 were \$67,660.90 and in December of 2023 were \$58,340.71. Trust Fund expenses in November 2023 were \$23,252.08 and in December of 2023 expenses were 15,803.20.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse announced that the City is moving forward with the TLCI Planning Grant. NOACA and the City hired Envision Group to oversee the project. The Steering Committee will have held their first meeting on Thursday, January 18 with Envision Group. We are excited to finally start this project after a 2-year wait.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR REPORT:

NR Youth Lacrosse Program is open to kids from 3rd-8th grade. We currently have 10 in Bantam (3rd & 4th Grade), 14 in Youth (5th & 6th Grade) and 09 in Middle School (7th & 8th Grade). NRHS Lacrosse Program is a club team and currently has 04 pre-registered. Our Junior Golf Lessons runs January 16-February 20 and have 08 kids registered. Our Daddy-Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 3 from 7:00-9:00PM at the NRAC Cafetorium. Daddy-Daughter Dance is full with 155 couples. All Levels Yoga started on January 4 and the class has 14 pre-registered. Ashtanga Yoga started January 9th and has 06 enrolled. Restorative Yoga started on January 9 and runs through February 27. The program has 08 enrolled. Restorative Sound Bath was held on January 22 and we had 22 enrolled.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Marc Allen reported that they are installing 2 furnaces at the service garage. Will be getting a quote for a new mini-split to install at the Community Cabin in South Central Park. We lost Zach Merkosky a long-time employee with the City. He accepted a new job with the City of Lakewood. Been helping the Police Department assemble chairs, tables, etc. for the new Police Station.

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OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Keriann Roach asked about the status of Olde Town Hall. Marc Allen mentioned a meeting was being set-up to get an update. Electrical upgrades were being done and completed.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM