

Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: DECEMBER 6, 2023



The Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairman Douglas Hayes at 7:30p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Douglas Hayes, Jeff Grigsby, Jill Timoteo, Georgia Awig and Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougrousse.

Excused Absence: Keriann Roach & Jeff Grigsby

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

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

3 – Yes, 0 – No

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes for our regularly scheduled commission meeting that was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

Motion by Hayes, 2nd by Awig for approval of minutes from our commission meeting that was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

3-Yes, 0-No

LOBBY:

No report.

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT:

Councilwoman Georgia Awig mentioned that Saturday, December 2 was Holiday on the Ridge and the Tree Lighting at South Central Park. The Steering Committee had a meeting this evening (December 6, 2023) regarding the Citywide master plan. Coffee and Conversation with the Mayor will be held on December 13. New city signs are popping up throughout the City. Bigby Coffee is ready to open. The City is proceeding with the Roundabouts. The first will be the Avalon/Mills and then the Chestnut Ridge Road and Route 83 Roundabout. On December 18 the Mayor and new council member will be sworn in.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT:

No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougrousse discussed the revenues and expenses. Trust Fund revenue through October was \$34,565.89. Trust Fund unencumbered balance through October was \$302,520.42. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund revenue through October was \$3,003.34. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund unencumbered balance through October was \$281,051.26. Our General Fund expenses through October were \$70,710.29. Trust Fund expenses through October were \$20,382.52.

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DIRECTORS REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougrousse mentioned that the Department submitted a grant through the Ohio EPA for water bottle refilling stations throughout our park systems. Total project cost would be \$16,000.00 which we requested funding for through our 2024 budget. We requested \$10,000.00 (maximum allotment) through the Grant. The department will tentatively find out if we are awarded funding in April.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR REPORT:

The Stache Dash was held on Saturday, November 4. We had 468 runners/walkers participate this year. Turkey Day Zumba was held on November 23, 2023 from 9:00-10:00a.m. Holiday Food and Toy Drive ran October 30-December 1. Our Jr. Ranger Youth Basketball Program has 418 kids pre-registered. We have 42 teams. The 9th-12th Grade Jr. Ranger Intramural Basketball Program starts in January and we have 10 teams and 100 kids registered. Santa's Calling is on December 13 & 14. We have 23 on Wednesday and 16 on Thursday. We partner with NR Lions Club.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Kevin Fougrousse reported for Grounds Maintenance. Grounds got the gazebo decorated for Holiday on the Ridge. They went through and started winterization of the park restroom facilities. The guys are getting ready for the winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Jill Timoteo inquired about the special events section specifically the Daddy-Daughter Dance. Wanted to know if there were conversations about changing the language from that to look at through an equity lens. Kevin Fougrousse stated we have not had that conversation.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM