

**Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: MARCH 22, 2023**



The meeting was called to order by Parks & Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse at 7:30p.m.

A motion was made by Jeff Grigsby with a second from Keriann Roach to make Dennis Boose, Chairman only for the March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission.

03 – Yes, 0 - No

***ROLL CALL:***

Dennis Boose, Jeff Grigsby, Keriann Roach, and Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse

Excused Absences: Douglas Hayes

***FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:***

Motion by Grigsby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roach for approval of Agenda.

Motion was added by Kevin Fougousse to discuss North Ridgeville Veteran's Memorial to New Business.

3 – Yes, 0 – No

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

Approval of minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Roach, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grigsby for approval of minutes from the commission meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

3–Yes, 0–No

***LOBBY:***

None

***REPORTS:***

***COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT:***

Councilman Dennis Boose mentioned that with spring starting projects are starting throughout the City. There will be roughly 3-4 road closures this summer for road construction. You can look through the City website for more detailed information.

***SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT:***

Jeff Grigsby mentioned Issue 5, Safety-Spaces-Success is on the ballot. Please go out and vote.

***FINANCIAL REPORT:***

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse discussed the revenues and expenses. Trust Fund revenue in February was \$38,114.49. Trust Fund unencumbered balance through February was \$249,417.66. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund revenue in February was \$3,009.18. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund unencumbered balance through February is \$257,594.97. Trust Fund expenses in February were \$8,503.55. Our General Fund expenses in February were \$64,089.95.

***DIRECTORS REPORT:***

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse discussed that the South Central Park Playground ordinance was passed by emergency at City Council on Monday, March 6. Donation of our used batting helmets was made to Play it Again Sports. The resolution passed City Council on Monday, March 6. The Commission was provided the 2022 Annual Report that highlights the past year and upcoming projects in 2023.

***RECREATION SUPERVISOR REPORT:***

We had Advanced Fencing in February and we had 11 people registered. Zumba Fitness in the month of February at 102 participants through the month. Nerf™ Battle was held on March 10 and we had 48 kids pre-registered. All Levels Yoga started on March 9 and we have a full roster of 16. Tots Yoga starts on March 23 and we have 05 registered. Tots T-Ball which runs for 5 weeks starts on June 6 and runs through June 30, we currently have 44 kids pre-registered. Our 2023 Youth Baseball-Softball Program is in full swing, at the time of the report we have 50 teams and 529 kids pre-registered. Practices start the week of April 10. Our Jr. Browns Flag Football Program for kids in grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> starts in April and we have 5 teams and our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Flag Football has 2 teams. Little Dribblers ran by Len Shuba starts on April 11 at the time of the report we have 40 PreK-K registered and 09 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Graders. Standard-Beginner Dog Training started on March 21 and had 08 registered. The intermediate Dog Training has 07 registered.

***GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT:***

Marc Allen reported that we are waiting for new equipment to arrive. We did a lot of work in council chambers and a substantial amount of painting throughout City Hall. Empire came back to re-do the carpet throughout City Hall. The repairs at the Senior Center has been slow. They have a punch list to rectify.

***OLD BUSINESS:***

No old business.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

Kevin Fougousse mentioned that after hearing the Veteran's Memorial Group speak/present we would like to make a recommendation to move forward with the project. The commission has no issue with the project and they have discussed the Veteran's Memorial Group needs all appropriate funding in place. The commission does not want an incomplete project due to funding. Councilman Boose made a motion to have City Council consider the Veteran's Memorial when they have all the funding in place.

Motion made by Boose, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Grisby. To send Veteran's Memorial Project

03 – Yes, 0 – No

***ADJOURNMENT:*** Meeting adjourned at 8:04PM



Parks & Recreation Commission Work Session  
MARCH 22, 2023  
SAFETYVILLE BUILDING IN SOUTH CENTRAL PARK  
6:00 PM

The work session was called to order by Parks & Recreation Director Kevin Fougrousse at 6:00p.m.

- Councilman Boose opened the Work Session for Director Kevin Fougrousse to make opening remarks regarding the Veteran's Memorial.
- Director Fougrousse welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone for attending the work session to hear the presentation of the Veteran's Memorial Project.
- Jim Maleski with the Veteran's Memorial Group spoke on the positives and challenges to the group.
- Around February of 2021 they decided to become a 501c-3.
- In June of 2021 they became a 501c-3. Started getting a lot of donations from businesses/service organizations from North Ridgeville.
- They have a Facebook page and website.
- The city really got behind this project.
- This was becoming a community effort. They were trying to keep all products/materials in North Ridgeville but that became difficult.
- Received 100,000.00 from the State of Ohio with a lot of help from Nathan Manning. The City received the money. The group has a year to spend.
- Received 50,000.00 from Lorain County Veterans Service Department.
- We are looking for feedback on the plans.
- Had a very productive meeting with the City.
- Keith Martin with MBD Homes will be the general contractor for the project.
- A question was asked by an individual regarding the drainage.
- Councilman Boose requested that all questions be asked after the project presentation.
- The project will go in stages.

- Still struggling with the budget and the cost of pavers.
- The only hiccup they may have is getting donations and timeframe when product is needed.
- Keith being the General Contractor will be dealing with the City on permits.
- A detailed discussion was had regarding the project.
- Councilman Boose asked if the 286,000.00 did that include the grants? Jim Maleski stated the grants are included.
- They are roughly short 54,000.00 to meeting their project budget.
- Councilman Boose asked what the construction timeline is?
- Keith Martin stated it would be 4 months from start to finish. They want to start over the summer with landscape planting in the Fall. Potentially starting July or August.
- Keriann Roach asked about maintenance? Mark Steinbrunner mentioned that they plan on keeping the committee together to make necessary repairs.
- Jim Maleski mentioned that they plan on having NR Leo's, through the Lions Club maintain the property.
- After completion it would be the Parks & Recreation Department job to maintain this structure.
- A question was asked how many pavers were sold? They stated only 93 have been sold so far. They want to sell roughly 1,000.
- A question was asked about the memorial in front of Olde Town Hall and how does that connect? Mark Steinbrunner stated that the memorial at Olde Town Hall is more historic. But they have worked with NR Historical Society during this process.
- Project total is 345,000.00
- A question was asked about the lighting and recent vandalism. Keith mentioned lighting will be stalled and they hope no one would vandalize a Veterans Memorial.
- A resident who lives next to the project asked about privacy issues? The Veterans Memorial Group mentioned that a bunch of pine trees will be installed to provide the homeowner with privacy.
- What has been the overall reaction from residents on the project? The reaction has been tremendous and extremely supportive.

Work session was adjourned at 6:45p.m.