

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: January 25, 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, Cathy Ebenschweller, Chris Turay, Ben Gommel, and Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougrousse

Kelly McCarthy – Unexcused Absence

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Gommel, 2nd by Ebenschweller

4- Yes, 0 - No

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Board Member Gommel nominated Chris Turay as Chairman, with a 2nd by Ebenschweller. Current Chairman Turay accepted his nomination and was voted in for a new 1 year term as Chairman.

Motion by Gommel, 2nd by Ebenschweller

4 – Yes, 0 – No

Board Member Turay nominated Cathy Ebenschweller for Vice Chairman and 2nd by Chairman Gommel. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller accepted her nomination and was voted in for a new 1 year term as Vice Chairman.

Motion by Turay, 2nd by Gommel

4 – Yes, 0 - No

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes from the December 7th, 2016 meeting.

Motion by Ebenschweller, 2nd by Gommel for approval of minutes from December 7th, 2016.

4 – Yes, 0 - No

LOBBY:

None

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT:

Councilman Bruce Abens reported that the city hired a new Auditor by the name of Jeffrey Wilcheck. Finance Committee Meetings will be February 28-March 2. We are updating our ordinances as they pertain to the state regarding the new marijuana laws. Council voted to put a memorandum related to businesses for 6 months. Councilman Abens stated he received calls and emails regarding the outdoor family aquatic center.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT:

No report by Kelly McCarthy due to her absence.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougrousse discussed the revenues and expenses. Trust Fund revenue for Fiscal Year 2016 was \$190,997.01. Trust Fund statement of cash through 2016 was \$207,456.19. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund for Fiscal year 2016 brought in \$51,178.60. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund statement of cash through 2016 was \$196,410.96. Trust Fund expenses 2016 were \$160,739.63 and our General Fund expenses were \$267,026.07.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Parks & Recreation Department is finalizing our 2017 budget. A preliminary budget will be shared with the commission once it is completed.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT:

The Daddy Daughter Dance is on February 11 and the dance is full with 81 couples (162 individuals). Tumble Bugs is 2-3 year olds and Rumble, Tumble Bugs is for kids 4-6 year olds. Both programs are full. Cardio Bootcamp another new program has 09 pre-registered for Session I. Our Baseball-Softball Program started taking registration on January 2. A late fee of \$10 takes affect after March 3. Our tots t-ball program is for 3 year olds. It is instructional and runs for 5 weeks. Ballroom Basics is another new program, and begins on February 6.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Director Fougrousse reported on behalf of Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Gary Teel. Parks & Recreation Director Fougrousse reported that grounds maintenance staff installed new LED lighting through South Central Park. They installed new picnic tables in Pavilion 1. The playground received new rubberized mulch, mats for swings & slides, and new tire swing. All this was paid for by the Lorain County Solid Waste Grant.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.