

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: February 24, 2016

The meeting was called to order at the North Ridgeville Senior Center by Chairman Chris Turay at 7:31p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Gommel, 2nd by Ebenschweller

Yes, 5 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ebenschweller 2nd by Gommel for approval of minutes from January 27th, 2016.

Yes, 4 No, 0 Absentee, 1

LOBBY:

None

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT:

Council Liaison Bruce Abens reported in regards to 2016 budget. Council Liaison Abens brought to the attention the HVAC quote for the Shady Drive Batting Cage Facility. That particular project was tabled. The budget is set to be approved on Monday, March 21.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT:

School Board Liaison Kelly McCarthy reported on a staff vs. staff dodgeball tournament. Proceeds for the event go to PTA council. Spring Break is Friday, March 25 – Sunday, April 3.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougerousse discussed the revenues and expenses. The trust fund revenue for January 2016 was \$13, 562.43. The trust fund overall revenue is \$182,714.30. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund for the month of January brought in \$2,540.10. The park and recreation improvement fund revenue is \$187,972.46. Trust Fund expenses for January were \$6,722.38 and our General Fund expenses for January were \$18, 793.73.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougerousse mentioned that the 2015 parks and recreation annual report was sent and handed to all board members. The annual report is detailed oriented and shows some of our highlights and challenges we faced in 2016. We received a \$500 grant from ODNR. The Step Outside Grant will be used for our annual fishing derby; it will help defer some of the operating expenses.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Bricks 4 Kidz is slated to start on March 15, we currently have 03 registered. Our Daddy Daughter Dance was held on February 13, we had a total of 80 couples, a positive increase of 22 couples from 2015. Participants were given a complimentary 4 x 6 photo courtesy of Visual Sports Photography. Pre-school art hour will be held on March 2. The Truth About Estate Planning is slated to start on March 14 and is held in Council Chambers. Our tots t-ball program is open to kids 3-4 year olds and starts on Friday, June 3. Personal Protection Strategies ran by Northcoast Defense Academy was held on February 17 and had a total of 7 people registered.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Director Fougrousse reported on behalf of Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Gary Teel. Kevin mentioned that the soccer complex was vandalized. There was graffiti on the concession stand and restroom facilities. Thankfully the interior of the concession stand was not touched.

OLD BUSINESS:

Member McCarthy asked about the Memorial Tree Program. Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougrousse mentioned that the budget needed to be approved before we could move forward and publicize the program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Liaison Abens had a suggestion regarding small projects for scout troops.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.