

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Day: Wednesday
Date: January 28th 2015
Time: 7:30PM
Location: Senior Center Multi-Purpose Room

AGENDA

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- VI. LOBBY
- VII. REPORTS
 - A. COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT
 - B. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT
 - C. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - D. DIRECTORS REPORT
 - E. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT
 - F. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- X. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: December 3rd, 2014

The meeting was called to order at the North Ridgeville Senior Center by Chairman Boose at 7:30p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Dennis Boose, Cathy Ebenschweller, Kelly McCarthy, Chris Turay, Ben Gommel and Director Kevin Fougrousse
Absent: none

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Ebenschweller
Yes, 4 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

One correction requested of Chairman Boose pertaining to the minutes from the October 27th meeting. The minutes state Chairman Boose called the meeting to order but he was not present. The actual meeting was called to order by Cathy Ebenschweller.

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Turay
Yes, 4 No, 0

LOBBY: None

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: Chris Turay was re-appointed for a full three (3) year term. The income tax, Center Ridge Road and Lear Nagle ballot issues did not pass. Not enough money in the general fund to support parks projects. Monies will need to come from the park and recreation improvement fund. The city over the last several years has been eating into their carry over, not sure how street projects (Center Ridge Road, Lear Nagle) will be funded. Mentioned some of the funding might come from the general fund.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: Schools are moving forward with environmental studies; soils look clean and are in the design / development stage. Athletics department is holding a contest for a new athletic logo; they are not getting rid of star and looking for a more "cutting edge" logo for athletics. Also looking into a new fight song, right now it is the Michigan Fight Song. Open debates between alumni and hoping students have feedback. Winter season has begun with basketball, wrestling, and bowling. The hope is one of the students will write the new fight song, not changing the alma mater.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Unencumbered Improvement Fund balance is \$233,729.96.

DIRECTORS REPORT: See report in monthly packet for Revenue and Expenses pertaining to general, trust, and improvement funds. Member Boose inquired what was the biggest reason for revenue increases pertaining May, July and September. Director Fougrousse mentioned the revenue increases are due to an increase in summer camp enrollment, and majority of revenue in September and October can be attributed to The 1st Annual Cleveland Stache Dash.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: Highlighted the Cleveland Stache Dash that had a total 345 registrants between the fun run and 5K. Program Supervisor Frank Vacha highlighted a variety of adult programs. The annual tree lighting ceremony was held on December 6. Annual food and toy drive was held in November and December. 1st and 2nd grade instructional basketball is 6 weeks of instruction; our 3rd/4th grade and 5th and 6th basketball programs will participant in a league with a variety of teams from Northeast Ohio. Some of the city's involved are Middleburg Heights, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, and Westpark.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT: Our service garage removed some existing concrete at the splash pad restroom facilities in South Central Park. The concrete was removed due to structural cracking and substantial heaving that limited us from entering the facility during the winter. The concrete work will be done this spring by our service garage. The basketball court rehabilitation by Site Technology will be concluded this spring. Member Boose inquired about the state of Frontier Park. Director Fougrousse mentioned the facility held up well. The entrance was redone and the creek bed was widened by the service garage.

OLD BUSINESS: Member Gommel inquired if the board would still like to discuss smoking in the parks and the master plan. Member Boose suggested we have a work session to review the master plan for 2015-16. Director Fougrousse mentioned that we changed the by-laws to reflect a work session be held prior to a regularly scheduled meeting. The board decided to hold a work session during their January meeting to discuss the information brought up by Member Gommel.

NEW BUSINESS: Director Fougrousse brought up how individuals inquiry about wanting to plants trees in our park system. Director Fougrousse mentioned we do not have policies or procedures in place concerning a memorial tree program. Director Fougrousse mentioned he would like to put together a Memorial Tree Program and submit a rough draft to the board. Member Boose mentioned that years ago they planted trees at Shady Drive. Member Boose mentioned they removed trees because they were diseased.

Member Boose brought up that Debbie Toth is retiring at the end of December. Member Boose congratulated her on her retirement and wished her nothing but the best.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM