

Minutes of Perrysburg Recreation Committee

Meeting Held September 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairperson Jonathan Smith.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Jonathan Smith and Barry VanHoozen. Committee member Cory Kuhlman arrived at 6:37 p.m. Also present was Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Tony Wade, 901 Mill Road, is concerned with weed killer being sprayed in the playground areas. Ms. Kabat stated they post signage so people are aware when it has been sprayed, along with cones depending on the size of the area. Ms. Kabat will check with the Service Director. Mr. Smith, at the next Committee meeting, would like to know the health factors and concerns, along with the number of signs that are placed. Mr. Wade also asked about the fence around the playground at Three Meadows Park. Mr. Smith stated that it is part of the ARPA funds and Ms. Kabat added that there is a purchase order in and they are waiting on the contractor. Mr. Smith stated that he appreciates Mr. Wade bringing this to our attention and will find out more information.

APPROVAL OF 08/09/2022 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting were approved 3-0.

CHANGE ORDER FOR ROTARY PARK PARKING LOT

Ms. Kabat stated that City Council passed a Resolution several months ago awarding a contract and that during the course of the project, they discovered the depth of the asphalt is not consistent across the parking lot. Additional labor and asphalt was required to correct this. Ms. Kabat stated that trees need to be added into the parking lot islands, along with an additional \$5,000 of contingency until the project gets closed out. The Committee Members would like to have the final numbers reported back to them once the project is complete. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend this to City Council.

REVIEW OF THE DOG PARK SURVEY

Ms. Kabat reviewed the analytics of the dog park survey with the Committee Members. Mr. Smith does not intend to take any action on this tonight. Mr. Smith wants to wait for the Orleans Park masterplan. Mr. Kuhlman agrees and noted that he shifted his thoughts on the human cost of that, which needs to be factored in. Mr. Smith appreciates everyone coming out and talking on this. He does not see any immediate

movement on this.

Jacqueline Kyle, 235 Southwood Drive, stated that the survey was very skewed, especially the question that involved the dollar amount. She stated that the underlying question is if we need a dog park. Ms. Kyle wants to see Three Meadows and Bicentennial removed from the list. Mr. Smith stated that with the Orleans Park masterplan, there will be public input. Mr. Kuhlman stated that this is getting tabled until the Orleans Park masterplan is adopted and we have that discussion. Mr. VanHoozen added that there will be an area designated, but that does not mean it will get completed. Ms. Kabat stated that in the upcoming proposed budget, there are no funds for a dog park, as we stand today.

Vicki Pollauf, 871 Bridgeton Lane, wanted to be sure that this is being tabled for now due to budget concerns and that in the future Bicentennial and Three Meadows are off of the table. Mr. Kuhlman stated that they are elected, but they will not change their minds on it.

Deborah Born, 125 East Front Street, stated that we do not need a dog park because you can take your dog to any park in the City. Ms. Born added that they should not look at developing Orleans Park, when there is a Fire and Police Department with needs, along with the roads.

Melinda McGrail, 288 Margaret Place, lives right on the path at Bicentennial Park. She appreciates everything that they are doing. Ms. McGrail stated that the park is very small and it is like strangers are in their backyards.

Joyce Williams, 14 Woodview Drive, agrees with other statements that we do not need a dog park in this economy. She stated that it is not appropriate to have a dog park across from a playground or shelter house. Mr. Smith reminded everyone that nothing is happening tonight or the near future. Ms. Kabat will ask the Public Information Officer to publish the survey results.

SUMMER REC PROGRAMS

Ms. Kabat is asking Charles Brigode to put together a video for the Committee Members to review the 2022 Summer Rec Program. Ms. Kabat stated that 1,413 children registered for at least one activity. The revenue was up from 2019 and expenses were down. Mr. Smith asked about the new registration software. Ms. Kabat stated that it went very well and they will continue to explore other areas such as rentals of kayaks, the Schaller Memorial, and garden plots. Mr. Kuhlman asked if there are any staffing issues. Ms. Kabat stated that it is one of the few areas of staffing where they have a great return from the previous year's crew.

Mr. Smith suggested an astronomy program, where they bring out telescopes. Mr. Kuhlman suggested a videogaming class and would like to see us embrace that creative outlet. Mr. VanHoozen was curious about the managerial structure. Ms. Kabat

explained that Charles Brigode, Recreation Director, reports directly to Rob Ross. Mr. Smith is hoping they can do a presentation in March. Mr. VanHoozen stated that this is an important part of what the City does.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kuhlman mentioned the Animal Control Officer being discussed at Safety Committee and wants to hear as Chairperson of Personnel Committee too. Ms. Kabat stated that the funding was re-allocated to fund the second School Resource Officer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairperson
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.