

Minutes of Perrysburg Recreation Committee

Meeting Held February 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Smith.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Cory Kuhlman, Jonathan Smith, and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Rob Ross, Service Director, and Brody Walters, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

APPROVAL OF 11/08/2022 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the November 8, 2022 meeting were approved 3-0.

PERRYSBURG POOL FOR 2023 SEASON

Mr. Ross stated that the bid opening for management of the pool will be on Friday, March 3, 2023.

DONATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Mr. Smith stated that it has been requested to donate Fort Imagination to Missions International of America. Mr. Smith asked if they want to take all of the playground equipment, and Mr. Ross said no, just the larger pieces. Mr. Smith said that City Council approval is needed for the donation. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the resolution.

PERRYSBURG CITY FOUNDATION

Mr. Smith said that he is still working on a proposal for donations to the City. He said that he is envisioning a foundation so those who want to donate won't have to set up a separate entity, and we can make the donations to projects within our city easier to accomplish. He said that he still needs to talk and work with the Finance Director.

ORLEAN'S PARK MASTER PLAN

Mr. Walters distributed a copy of the Orleans Park Master Plan designed by the Edge Group to the committee. He also distributed a map showing the proposed multi-use path through the park. He said that City Council is being asked to adopt the Master Plan. He explained that the level of detail in the plan is not to dictate what is done, but is a placeholder. He said that if at some point we choose to apply for a grant, projects that have public input with approval of the legislative body make the grant application more competitive. Mr. Smith said that the budget amendment has \$700,000 in it for a

multi-use path. Mr. Walters said that amount is for the multi-use path that is shown as Phase I of the plan. The Committee asked that the area shown as a Pump Track Circuit be changed to something like an outdoor adventure area to allow more flexibility of outdoor activities. Mr. Kuhlman said that he would like to see the phases renumbered, moving the multi-use pavilion to Phase 2. He said that we have a supply and demand issue with shelter rentals, and this would allow us to generate revenue to help sustain the park. Mr. Kuhlman asked that more open space pavilions be added to the plan.

Mike Dibling, 821 Louisiana Avenue, said that he has been involved in rowing for a number of years, and he encourages the City to do a lot of research before building a boathouse for rowing. He said that the river at that location is not conducive to rowing because of the water level, undercurrents, and the fishermen. He said that the boats used in rowing can be up to 60' long. He said the Black Swamp Rowing Club tried a season out of Orleans Park, and it did not work out. The Committee thanked Mr. Dibling for his comments.

The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend adopting the Orleans Park Master Plan with the changes noted regarding the Pump Track Circuit and the addition of more pavilions. Mr. Walters said he would contact the Edge Group regarding the changes.

AMENDED BUDGET

Mr. Ross stated that there is \$50,000 in the amended budget to repave one of the two parking lots at Bicentennial Park. He said that they will start with the parking lot on the west side of the park. Mr. Smith asked if anything can be done to make the turnaround easier. Mr. Kuhlman asked about more signage for the park. Mr. Smith asked about the increase in compost costs. Mr. Ross said that Renewed Outdoors had a price increase which they have not done in years, and we take all the brush there in the spring and all the leaves in the fall. Mr. Ross said that there is \$85,000 in the budget amendment for a new Toro mower which will replace a 12 year old mower. Mr. VanHoozen complimented Mr. Weber for suggesting that money be put in the budget for Hood Park parking, since Hood Park is like the City's front door.

There was discussions on heating the restrooms at Rotary Park as well as the location of the portable toilet in relation to the inclusive playground.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ross reported that, weather permitting, installation is to begin on the Municipal and Bicentennial Park playgrounds on March 27th. He stated that the completion target date for all three playgrounds is early June, but that is dependent on the weather. He stated that the Municipal Park restrooms have been renovated during the off-season, and they have replaced the pump at the water feature at the pool. Mr. Kuhlman asked about trash at Rotary Park. Mr. Ross stated that during the season, they are emptied every day.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Smith, Chairperson

Recreation Committee

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

