Minutes of Perrysburg Recreation Committee

Meeting Held March 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Jonathan Smith.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Jonathan Smith and Cory Kuhlman. Committee member Barry VanHoozen was not present. Also present were Rob Ross, Director of Public Service, and Charles Brigode, Summer Recreation Director.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Jim Hagen, 10741 Avenue Road, is concerned that there is lack of vision in the City when it comes to recreation and possibilities, in terms of spaces, that they keep letting go to other entities. Mr. Hagen noted Schroeder Farms and that they could have connected it to Davis Overlook. Mr. Smith stated that there are difficulties regarding right of way. Mr. Kuhlman added that there is a multi-use path masterplan. Mr. Hagen suggested that citizens would be willing to back a levy to purchase new park land and that the City should not always rely on donations. Mr. Kuhlman stated that in the Planning and Zoning Committee, they want the Zoning Code to reflect the work they did on the Land Use Plan, including the current green space requirements for subdivisions. Mr. Ross is aware of conversations about connecting all of the paths throughout the City.

APPROVAL OF 02/28/2023 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting were approved 2-0.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF KAREN FLEMING TO FILL A VACANCY ON PRAC

Mr. Smith is thrilled Karen Fleming is interested in serving and that she wants to get involved in the parks. Ms. Fleming stated that parks are not just for kids and that she wants to help ensure that the recreational resources remain vibrant and accessible to current and future Perrysburg residents. Mr. Kuhlman asked Ms. Fleming about pickleball and if that has been going more smoothly. Mr. Ross added that the signs are up and the paddle saddles are going to be installed soon. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend Karen Fleming to fill a vacancy on PRAC.

PRESENTATION ON THE UPCOMING RECREATION PROGRAMS - CHARLES BRIGODE

Mr. Brigode stated that the Summer Recreation Program offers affordable camps and programs, focused on giving kids the opportunity to try new things. Mr. Brigode noted that 1,413 children participated last summer, with 73% being City of Perrysburg

residents. He stated that they have maxed out the number of programs and camps that they can handle in a week with the number of staff and the spaces that they have. Mr. Kuhlman suggested e-sports and that it could be mutually beneficial for the high school's e-sports team. Mr. Brigode likes the idea of partnering with the Library, if they have the space for it. Mr. Ross stated that RecDesk saved many hours, which they were able to fund the increases in pay with. Mr. Kuhlman noted that they are reviewing part-time wages, to give a higher threshold. Mr. Brigode suggested some sort of structured bonus program for number of days worked through the Summer Recreation Program. Mr. Kuhlman responded to put the idea together and bring it to the Personnel Committee. Mr. Smith and Mr. Kuhlman thanked Mr. Brigode for all of this information and for all he does with the Program.

YMCA POOL AGREEMENT RESOLUTION

Mr. Ross stated that the only change this year is that it is a three-year agreement, rather than a one-year agreement. This is to lock in competitive pricing. Fort Meigs YMCA was the only bidder on the project and Mr. Ross added that they do a great job. This is being recommended 2-0 to City Council.

PERRYSBURG FOUNDATION

This is still being worked on and is a placeholder on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairperson
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.