Minutes of Perrysburg Recreation Committee

Meeting Held August 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. by Chairperson Jonathan Smith.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present were Jonathan Smith, Cory Kuhlman, and Barry VanHoozen. Also present were Rob Ross, Director of Public Service, and Charles Brigode, Recreation Director.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 07/11/2023 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the July 11, 2023 meeting were approved 3-0.

UPDATE ON THIS YEARS REC PROGRAM - CHARLES BRIGODE

Mr. Brigode stated that they had a really good year, yet again, and only had to hire two new staff. He had more compliments than other years, between Facebook posts and emails, and noted that the program is improving every year between facilities being renovated, the playground, attracting staff, RecDesk, and VIP (the finance system). Mr. Brigode stated that Mr. Ross has done a nice job of increasing the hourly rate and that is why they are able to retain staff. Looking forward, they hope to use the Schaller Memorial Hall two days a week, so they are not setting up pop-up tents, folding chairs, and tables each day.

They are planning to eliminate free programs next year because not everyone that signs up shows up. If they make it $5 or $10, it is not a huge barrier for most people, but will give a little bit of a commitment, to help with numbers to be prepared for. Mr. Brigode would like to bring back the family picnic around the 4th of July, instead of the pool bash, each year. Mr. VanHoozen stated he loves Mr. Brigode's enthusiasm and what he is turning this into. Mr. VanHoozen asked if Summer Rec has ever thought about collaborating with the summer theater program. Mr. Ross will reach out to Robin Ballmer, who heads up the summer theater program. Mr. Smith noted that the summer theater did not happen this year because of them not securing a space in time.

Mr. Kuhlman suggested that with eliminating the free programs, to have an option where someone could contact their office, if that $5 or $10 is a hurdle. Mr. Brigode stated that they have worked with ACE (Afterschool Child Enrichment) Ohio and their Recreation programs can be reimbursed through them, as an option too. Mr. Smith

stated that the programs are great and this is another thing that is uniquely Perrysburg. Mr. Ross stated that Mr. Brigode does not get enough credit and the City needs to recognize the Summer Rec crew. Mr. Brigode credited his staff and Joshua Roach, his Assistant Director. The Committee Members all thanked Mr. Brigode for sharing.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairperson
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.