

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Aaron Findling. Committee members present were Lindsay Buker, Aaron Findling, Todd France, Will Harbauer, Christopher Patrick, Caleb Christen, and Allison Westmeyer (7). Damon Gorcz and Rick Giltz were absent (2). Also present were Chairperson of the Recreation Committee of Council, Deborah Born, and Operations Manager of the Department of Public Service, Greg Kuhr.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS FROM AUGUST 2, 2021 MEETING

- ✓ Three Meadows Pond and potentially building a multiuse path around it
- ✓ Ms. Born stated that push back is from the City Administrator
- ✓ There is no push back from City Council

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Harbauer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2021 PRAC meeting. Seconded by Mr. Findling. Ayes: Buker, Findling, France, Harbauer, Patrick, Christen, and Westmeyer (7). Nays: (0).

PARK REPORTS

Milestone – Mr. Harbauer reported:

- ✓ Looks great
- ✓ Things are cleaned up and looks sharp
- ✓ Mr. Kuhr said they still have some things to do there

Municipal – Mr. Patrick reported:

- ✓ Nothing more to add from last meeting
- ✓ Mr. Kuhr said they are looking into shade structures to enhance the area by the batting cages where the three dead trees are
- ✓ Redirecting or re-aiming lights at the pickleball court to light it better
- ✓ Mr. Kuhr mentioned they are looking to upgrade those lights
- ✓ Pool heater is still something to be considered
- ✓ Getting DECA involved and having them take some ownership with the Pool
- ✓ Lifeguards are mostly high school students
- ✓ The possibility of National Honors Society volunteer hours

Woodlands – Committee reported:

- ✓ Randy has put in his resignation
- ✓ Electrical box near concrete pads are to light sculptures at night
- ✓ Park is not open past dark
- ✓ Disc golf tee number nine has graffiti

- ✓ Mulch is very low and there is exposed fabric in lots of places
- ✓ Mr. Kuhr stated they still have three semi loads of mulch coming this year
- ✓ Light pollution makes the night sky difficult to see and is harmful to local creatures in their natural habitat
- ✓ Lights do not need to be shining on sculptures at night in a park that you cannot go to after dark
- ✓ Update on walking path, will there be more gravel
- ✓ Mr. Kuhr would like to see it paved, so the maintenance is easier
- ✓ Bathrooms look great over Labor Day
- ✓ Mr. Kuhr added that they started winterizing bathrooms and that there have been vandalism issues on a daily basis because of a TikTok challenge

Eisenhower – Ms. Buker reported:

- ✓ Park is not nearly as busy since Mr. Freezer is closed for the season
- ✓ Caterpillar and teeter totter could both use some paint
- ✓ Mulch is needed there also

Hood – Mr. Findling reported:

- ✓ Porta potties installed
- ✓ Docks are out
- ✓ Boat club is pretty much finished it appears
- ✓ Looks well kept

Bicentennial – Mr. France reported:

- ✓ A few spots near playground are generally low spots where water collects
- ✓ Tire tracks by shelter
- ✓ One section of trail completely under water, in northeast corner of park
- ✓ He placed extra rubber from Rotary Park under the smaller children's swings

Rotary – Mr. Christen reported:

- ✓ Traffic is slowing down with the weather getting colder
- ✓ Playground looks nice and is being kept up well
- ✓ Park is very clean
- ✓ Mr. Kuhr mentioned the drinking fountain being installed in the springtime
- ✓ They wanted an update on the crosswalk from the Law Director
- ✓ Ms. Born will bring it up to Safety Committee and City Council
- ✓ Committee wanted an update on the Rotary multiuse path

Riverside – Mr. Harbauer reported:

- ✓ Attended the cannon rededication in October,
- ✓ The City employees did a fantastic job
- ✓ Looks really sharp
- ✓ Veterans were a part of the rededication ceremony

- ✓ Mr. France asked about posts installed along the upper ramp
- ✓ Mr. Kuhr noted that sculptures are going in and those are the bases
- ✓ They would like Administration to let PRAC know when sculptures and such are going in
- ✓ Mr. France would like to see some tables at the park, so families could picnic there

Orleans – Committee reported:

- ✓ Several members attended an Orleans Park redevelopment meeting in August, just to get the conversation going
- ✓ Rob Ross and Kate Sandretto were in attendance at that meeting

REVIEW OF RECREATION COMMITTEE – Ms. Born reported:

- ✓ Welcomed Ms. Westmeyer
- ✓ Welcomed Mr. Gorcz, who was not present
- ✓ Discussion about possible hockey arena off of Route 25
- ✓ Skateboard park at Rotary has been discussed, which she has supported since 2015
- ✓ Department of Public Service has applied for a grant for the ADA kayak launch
- ✓ The cannon rededication event was very nice
- ✓ She had no idea about the meeting regarding Orleans Park and would like more information on that
- ✓ She is going to bring the cross walk up at Safety Committee
- ✓ Tony Wade kept bringing multiuse path forward
- ✓ Thanked Mr. France for his concerns regarding the environment
- ✓ Coach of Perrysburg High School hockey team thinks the arena would be great for the hockey team to practice at
- ✓ Ms. Born suggested they do their own polls in the community
- ✓ Mr. Findling stated that he is all for a skate park but has to understand how much to spend
- ✓ Ms. Born thanked them for being a great group and reminded everyone to not forget to vote

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL DOG PARK LOCATIONS

- ✓ The Mayor would like the Committee's opinion on where a dog park in the City could potentially work well
- ✓ Mr. Patrick thinks Rotary or Woodlands would be really good
- ✓ Mr. France asked who uses dog parks, if people have their own yards
- ✓ Mr. Harbauer wanted to know what type of upkeep is involved with a dog park or will there not be any issues with upkeep or people not picking up their dog's messes
- ✓ Ms. Born stated that people can bring dogs to parks anyways
- ✓ The Committee is curious what the demand for a dog park in Perrysburg might be

- ✓ Mr. France asked if the City's Facebook page ever surveys people, to see what the demand might be for a potential project
- ✓ Ms. Born added that all of the City Council and Committee meetings are public and that citizens could attend to express what they would like
- ✓ Agreed to table this discussion until the April meeting

NEW PARK PROCESS FROM ADMINISTRATION

- ✓ Mr. Harbauer stated that Brody Walters mentioned the idea of something more natural in the McKinley Woods park area, which is the only property currently available on the west side of the City
- ✓ Mr. France brought up having a trail in the woods, potential access points from the nearby streets, no vehicle access to this park
- ✓ The Committee was hoping Brody Walters was at the meeting to ask zoning questions
- ✓ Mr. Kuhr will pass along the questions to hopefully get some answers
- ✓ Mr. France believes that no more plats should be approved until the park plan is finalized
- ✓ Mr. Findling thinks the location is ideal, especially since there are not many parks in that direction
- ✓ Mr. Findling mentioned he would like to see minimal destruction and wants this to be environmentally friendly, more of a passive park
- ✓ They would like the wooded area of that land to stay as natural as possible
- ✓ Mr. Kuhr added that they would have to address illegal dumping of yard waste by neighboring homes if that does become park property, as well as a peacock that lives in the woods there
- ✓ Ms. Born will bring this to Recreation Committee
- ✓ They are recommending non-motorized access points via Ringle Road and Ridge Cross Road
- ✓ They are also recommending access via roads for vehicles from Woods Edge Road and Dwyer Road
- ✓ Mr. Harbauer would like to make a recommendation that the City of Perrysburg uses the McKinley Woods land and make it an actual park, in conjunction with the developers in the area. Seconded by Mr. Patrick. Ayes: (7). Nays: (0).

PRAC COMMUNICATION

- ✓ Mr. France feels as if he has not accomplished much on his one year of serving with PRAC
- ✓ He feels as if they are making progress, but they only will get out of it what we put into it
- ✓ Mr. France believes there is potential for us to make improvements and it will take more leg work on their part
- ✓ Communication needs to be improved, so they are not in the dark about a lot of things as they are currently are

- ✓ Lines of communication could be clearer to get better insights
- ✓ Mr. France is unsure what the expectation is from the Recreation Committee and City Council regarding PRAC's motions
- ✓ Mr. France mentioned the playground potentially being replaced at Woodlands
- ✓ Mr. Kuhr believes they are looking to update the playgroup equipment at Woodlands
- ✓ The PRAC members feel as sometime they are an afterthought
- ✓ Ms. Born added that she will send Recreation Committee minutes to PRAC members directly
- ✓ Mr. France made a recommendation that no electric lights for the sculptures are installed at Woodlands Park due to light pollution and the fact that the park is closed after dark. Seconded by Mr. Harbauer. Ayes: Findling, France, Harbauer, Patrick, Christen, and Westmeyer (6). Nays: Buker (1).

REVIEW OF 2022 PRAC MEETING DATES

There are six dates starting in April 2022 and ending in November 2022. The PRAC members were curious why they do not meet December through March. According to bylaws, the meeting needs to occur in Council Chambers, Ms. Born informed them.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING

There are two action items. The first being the park in McKinley Woods. The second being to not use electrical hookups at Woodlands Park. Mr. Harbauer would like a follow up about the crosswalks at Rotary Park.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Pantorno
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers