

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

April 4, 2016

Meeting called to order approximately 7:05PM

Meeting Place: Service Building

Present: Tom St. Meyers, Jessica Kemp, Chris Patrick, John Stout, Superintendent of Parks -Greg Kuhr, Student Representative-Meghan Grycza, Councilman -Rick Rettig and Rick Gilts

Absent: Dave Goins, Student Representative-Ben Krautheim, Brenda Irwin, Michael Dibling (resigned), Paulette Huber-Mills,

Meeting called to order by Councilman Rettig. Tom St Meyers mentioned the need to elect a secretary before the meeting continues. Tom's term has expired. Dave Goins was nominated by Rick Gilts second Tom St. Meyers. Dave was unanimous elected to the office of Secretary 2016 term of PRAC. Rick Gilts agreed to record minutes of April 4 meeting. Thanks to Tom St. Meyers for serving as Secretary.

There was discussion of the changes on the Committee and introduction of our new members. Mike Dibling has resigned his position, Greg Bade has termed out.

New members are: **Jessica Kemp**- raised in Perrysburg attended Frank Elementary, Jr. High and High School in Perrysburg, Holds a Masters Degree in Nuclear Engineering and works at Davis Besse. Loves our parks and competes in Triathlons'-Sprint and Olympic. Jessica lives in the Rivers Edge subdivision.

John Stout- Moved to Perrysburg after serving 12 years with the United States Air Force, raised three children all attending Perrysburg Schools. John is active with the Perrysburg Soccer Club and PYSA. He ran his first half-marathon last year's Glass City Classic and is training for the 2016 Glass City Classic. John and his wife Paula live in the Rivercrest subdivision.

A current roster of PRAC was distributed with one edit noted. Meghan Grycza will be attending college in 2017 so she will not be able to serve next year. Rick Rettig will try to identify a new candidate for the position.

Councilman Rettig shared highlights from the City Budget as it relates to the Parks. Approved were the upgrades to Riverside Park to include a section of multi-use path from Hood Park to the west side of Riverside Park. In the future the multi-use path is planned to connect to the River Walk path in Orleans Park. This would connect Hood Park to Fort Meigs Park via multi-use path. Rick mentioned that there are no plans currently for the boat club.

Councilman Rettig also mentioned that he is planning to introduce a "no smoking" in our parks resolution in the near term.

PRAC meetings scheduled for 2016

All meetings at 7PM:

May 2, @ Rivercrest Park,
June 6, @Municipal Park,
July 11,@ Eisenhower Park,
August 1, @Woodland Park,
September 12,@ Three Meadows Park,

October 3,@ Bicentennial Park,
November 7,@ Service Building

PRAC members report on their assigned parks:

Chris Patrick reporting on Bicentennial Park: N/E section on park underwater (Greg stated he and Jon have spoken of installing a catch basin as a solution to flooding problem) / trash totes blown over trash all over/ bike rack in bad shape (Greg commented replacements scheduled made of concrete) / wooden piers in bad shape (Greg said they replaced to allow wider turning radius for City vehicles/ Basketball net needs replaced.

Tom St. Meyers reporting on Municipal Park: Tennis Court needs adjusted/ Meyer Field dugouts bottom ledge wood needs repaired or replaced/ netting along first base line Meyers field needs replaced in dugout.

Rick Gilts reporting on Rivercrest Park: Water covering path in low spots due to recent rains otherwise in good condition.

Meghan Grycza reporting on Hood park: Just a little trash.

Rick Rettig mentioned he had been contacted by Candy Gremler asking him what the status of a Pickle Ball venue in Perrysburg is. Rick reported there is no money in the current budget and no location has been determined for the Pickle Ball Courts. It was mentioned that possibly Jon Eckel would consider including a budget line item for the Pickle Ball Courts. PRAC supports the idea of and need for a Pickle Ball Court in the City

2016 Park Assignments:

Woodland Park— Brenda Irwin

Rotary Park- Ben Krautheim

Orleans Park- Jessica Kemp

Municipal Park- Tom St Meyers

Rivercrest Park- Rick Gilts

Three Meadows Park John Stout

Eisenhower Park- Dave Goins

Riverside Park- Paulette Huber Mills

Bicentennial Park- Chris Patrick

Hood Park-Meghan Grycza

Summary of open discussion: Councilman Rettig shared that he would like to see a long range plan for connectivity of the City parks, schools and points of interest via interconnected multi-use paths "Linear

Park Initiative". The Committee is in agreement and would like to initiate inclusion of these plans in the City Budget. These plans would connect the City; including those areas currently isolated by the Interstate and or State highways.

Motion to adjourn approximately 8:30PM/ unanimously approved

NEXT MEETING MAY 2, 2016 @ RIVERCREST PARK 7PM

*** If you have any additions or corrections to these minutes, please let me know.

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