

RECREATION COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m. by Chairman Rick Rettig. Committee members present were Jim Matuszak, Rick Rettig, and Jonathan Smith.

APPOINTMENT TO PRAC

Quinn Baumgartner was present to be considered for appointment as a student representative to PRAC. Ms. Baumgartner said that she is president of her freshman class at Perrysburg High School, and she is also involved with orchestra and cheerleading. Mr. Matuszak asked if there is a vacancy on PRAC. Mr. Rettig said there is one student vacancy and there will be another student position opening up soon. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend the appointment.

DISCUSSION OF BUDGET ITEMS FOR PARKS

The Committee discussed the proposed contribution to the Perrysburg Heights Community Association that is in the budget. They reviewed the information sent by Fred Moor regarding the percentage of students from the City using the services versus the percentage of students from the township. Mr. Smith said that Mr. Moor's email indicated 69% of the students in the educational reading program were from the City, and in the summer education program, 45% of the students were from the City. Mr. Matuszak said that he would like to have strings attached to any donation the City makes because of the problems with other volunteer organizations' misuse of money. He said that there needs to be at least a minimum level of accountability to taxpayers.

Mr. Rettig said that he is not in favor of the \$115,000 budgeted for the seating and shading at Riverside Park. He said that some of the items included in this amount are unnecessary, although he would like to see some benches at the park. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend that the amount for seating and waste receptacles at Riverside Park be reduced from \$115,000 to \$25,000. The Committee discussed options for the \$90,000 that would be saved at Riverside Park including adding parking at Woodland Park and improvements at the Maple Street boat launch. Mr. Rettig said that he has a problem with allocating funds without any planning. The Committee agreed 2-1 to recommend that the \$90,000 be allocated for improvements at the Maple Street boat launch, with Mr. Rettig being the no vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rettig, Chairman
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: To be determined.