

RECREATION COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Joe Lawless. Committee members present were: Todd Grayson, Joe Lawless and Mike Olmstead. Also present was Service Director Jon Eckel.

BASEBALL FIELD LIGHTING AT RIVERCREST PARK

Randy Schimmoeller, 26420 Laurel Lane, presented the Committee with a list of questions that he feels have not been addressed with regards to the proposed field lighting at Rivercrest Park. He requested that the Committee not move forward with approval of the lights until these questions have been answered in detail. Several of Mr. Schimmoeller's questions referenced use of the fields by outside organizations. Mr. Lawless stated that the number one priority is that all Perrysburg youth can play if they want. If the fields are not being used, then they can be used for travel tournaments or adult leagues. This revenue helps PABSC do projects such as fencing and lighting and it increases the amount that PABSC turns over to the City. This revenue is put into the general fund and can be used for parks and recreation purposes. Tournaments also help bring people to town to support local businesses. Mr. Grayson said that he would like to know the driving force behind installation of these lights. If the driving force is tournaments, he would like to see what PABSC projects in additional revenue. Mr. Olmstead said that he is in favor of approving entering into an agreement with PABSC, but he would like there to be a meeting with PABSC and the utility contractor to address the concerns of nearby property owners. There was discussion regarding negotiating terms of the City's contract with PABSC. Mr. Eckel said that he will ask representatives of PABSC to attend the December meeting. Mr. Grayson asked if we enter into an agreement regarding the lights, does it preclude discussion regarding shields for the lights. Mr. Eckel said it would not. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of entering into an agreement with PABSC for installation of field lighting at Rivercrest Park.

APPOINTMENT TO PRAC

The Committee considered the appointment of Paulette Huber-Mills to PRAC. Ms. Huber-Mills was present and the Committee thanked her for her willingness to serve. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend Paulette Huber-Mills be appointed to PRAC.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SKATE PARK

John Hawley, 649 Locust Street, and a group of skating enthusiasts were present to request that the City give consideration to building a skate park. Mr. Hawley suggested that it be located at Rotary Park. He said skating is good exercise and provides an alternative activity for youth. Mr. Lawless asked if the group had any type of organization that they are associated with. Mr. Hawley said that there is no formal

group, but he believes he can get a group together to work with the City. Mr. Lawless explained to the group how the City has entered into an agreement with PABSC regarding baseball and softball and how that organization shares costs with the City. He said that is a model that the City would like to continue with other groups. He encouraged Mr. Hawley to get his group organized and to keep in contact with the City. Mr. Grayson suggested that Mr. Hawley speak to representatives from PABSC and the soccer groups to get help in organizing. Mr. Grayson also suggested that we find out an accurate cost of building a skate park. Mr. Lawless said there seems to be a lot of interest within PRAC to do a skate park, and it is under discussion. The Committee thanked Mr. Hawley and the group for taking an interest in this subject.

PRAC PARKS SURVEY

Mr. Eckel called attention to a parks survey given to members of PRAC. The Committee is going to review the survey and discuss it at next month's meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next regular meeting: Monday, December 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Lawless, Chairman
Recreation Committee