

PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report for regular meeting of October 8, 2019

Present: Deborah Born (Chair), Council members Jim Matuszak and Jonathan Smith, Law Director Laura Alkire, and Assistant to the Administrator Jon Eckel.

Chairwoman Deborah Born called the meeting to order at 6:30 P. M. in Council chambers. After the Pledge of Allegiance, citizen concerns were requested and none were offered.

There was no action or discussion on the Riverside Park cannon stands.

Inclusive Playground: Ryan Wichman (3265 Chasenwood Way) was in attendance to give an update on the status of the Inclusive Playground he has proposed in Rotary Park. Mr. Wichman stated since he last visited the Committee he has found an additional sponsor, Rudolph Libbe which has been furnishing in kind contributions.. The total amount of funds he needs to raise is \$750,000. Mr. Smith asked what is the square footage of the project. Mr. Wichman said it is just shy of 14,000 square feet. Ms. Born said she was glad they are raising the money and not asking for tax payer dollars. Mr. Matuszak asked if this project had been cleared with the City. Mr. Wichman said he thought he would come to our committee first and we would tell him where to go next. Ms. Born suggested the Planning and Zoning Committee of Council. And, Mr. Smith said that it would ultimately go back to the Plan Commission because the Rotary Park master plan would need to be amended.

Update on Splash Pad: Ms. Born said Splash Pads come in all sizes and complexities. Since the Committee wants a Splash Pad, she requested Mr. Matuszak at the next Finance Committee meeting to determine what is the maximum amount the City (Council) is prepared to spend on a Splash Pad. We can then retain a designer or engineer who can design a Splash Pad that would fit the budget.

Other Business:

Meyer Field at Municipal Park (Resolution 67-2019).

Ms. Alkire thanked Chairwoman Born for entertaining this late addition to the Agenda. Kevin Weber (1432 South Redhawk) was asked to come to the podium by Ms. Born to describe the scope of the project. Mr. Weber stated that he has been a resident of Perrysburg since 2004 and since his arrival he has been heavily involved in coaching football and baseball. He thanked the City for giving his players the opportunity to use City fields, but he feels Meyer Field at Municipal Park desperately needs an update.

Mr. Matuszak asked if this is the only baseball field with grass. Mr. Weber said it was, but they want to replace it with Kentucky bluegrass. Mr. Weber stated that he was prepared to donate \$32,000 which with the City's contribution of \$40,000 would be sufficient to pay for the completion of the project. Ms. Alkire stated the legislation was not complete but she would have copies of the completed legislation for the committee to review before the next Council meeting on October 15. The Committee then voted 3-0 to send the legislation on to Council where the final decision will be made.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Report: Ms. Born said she attended last night's PRAC meeting as Council liaison. She said PRAC appears to be doing a good job codifying its bi-laws. It is helpful that an ordinance codifying the responsibilities of Council's Recreation Committee was passed last month. PRAC now understands in her opinion that any suggestions it may have including legislation go first to Council's Recreation Committee for review. If the Recreation Committee determines that legislation is necessary it will request that the Law Director prepare it.

Jon Orser (125 East Front Street) mentioned that at the PRAC meeting, which he had attended, the question was asked whether PRAC has been receiving the regular reports of the Recreation Committee along with the regular recipients. The PRAC members had responded that they had not. Ms. Born then stated at the PRAC meeting that she would ask the City Administration to place PRAC members on the regular distribution list for these reports.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P. M.

Next meeting is November 12, 2019 at 6:30 P. M.

Report prepared by

Deborah L. Born, Chairwoman

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