

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Rettig. Committee members present were: Tom Mackin and Rick Rettig. Jim Matuszak was absent. Also present were City Administrator Bridgette Kabat and Service Director Jon Eckel.

### **UPDATE ON POTENTIAL SKATE PARK**

John Hawley was present to give the Committee an update on his efforts to garner support for a skate park in Perrysburg. Mr. Hawley said that things are moving along, and he is currently focusing on raising funds. He said he has had a booth at First Friday and he is selling t-shirts. He has teamed up with Matt Bowley and Don DiBartolomeo who run a youth program in Bowling Green called The Right Direction. Mr. DiBartolomeo said they are a non-profit organization that uses action sports to teach kids life skills. Mr. Mackin asked if there is any money in the budget for the skate park. Ms. Kabat said that there is \$25,000 in this year's budget. Mr. Mackin said that it seems appropriate to carry over that amount into next year's budget. There was discussion regarding choosing a spot to locate the skate park. Ms. Kabat said that the Administration has discussed it internally and at an upcoming meeting the Administration could provide maps with its recommendation. Mr. Rettig said that he was glad to see supporters at the meeting, and he encouraged Mr. Hawley to continue his efforts. He said that he has a favorable opinion about this project but he needs to see that people want it and have a desire to get it done.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Rettig reported that he has been in contact with the Administration requesting that Trick or Treating being rescheduled because the Maumee – Perrysburg football game is scheduled for Halloween. He said that this puts a damper on what should be two great family nights in Perrysburg. He acknowledged that you can't make everyone happy, but considering the vast numbers it affects, he hopes that it will be rescheduled. Ms. Kabat said that she passed along Mr. Rettig's comments and concerns to the Mayor. Ms. Kabat said the Administration will be in contact with the City of Maumee and will make a determination in the very near future. Mr. Mackin said that he believes there is a safety issue because there will be a lot of traffic within the boundaries during the normal Trick or Treating hours.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rettig, Chairman  
Recreation Committee

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**