

RECREATION COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

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

SKATE PARK UPDATE

John Hawley was present to give an update on his efforts to raise funds and awareness for a skate park in Perrysburg. Mr. Hawley said that they have had several fundraisers and he has been out in the community at events like First Fridays selling t-shirts and wristbands. Mr. Eckel said that although no official decision has been made yet, they have identified a site at Rotary Park to locate the skate park. Mr. Mackin said that he would like to see more funds added to the \$25,000 originally budgeted for the skate park when the budget amendment is prepared. Mr. Rettig said that we want to do this right and build something that will be filled with children and adults for years to come. He said that Mr. Hawley is keeping the momentum going and it is not necessarily the amount of money he raises, but the interest generated and the momentum to carry it forward. Mr. Rettig said that he can't put a time frame on it because it is the Administration's budget. Mr. Hawley stated that Don from Right Direction said that he has pledges from big businesses but they need a commitment from the City. Mr. Eckel asked that Mr. Hawley get those in writing and get a copy to him.

2015 POOL REPORT

Steve Shives, Executive Director of the Fort Meigs YMCA was present to give a report on the City Pool for 2015. Mr. Shives said it was another successful season with no major accidents or injuries which is their number one concern. He presented attendance records back to 2012 and said that the attendance is mostly weather related. Attendance for 2015 was 20,501 which is up over 4,000 from last year. The number of city passes issued doubled from last year, but the number of school district passes was down. The Splash program, which is a free program, had 612 kids participate. Mr. Shives complimented City crews on keeping the pool running all season, especially when the main pump went out. There was discussion regarding keeping the pool open on weekends once school starts. Mr. Shives said that in mid-August he loses most of his lifeguards because they go back to school. Mr. Rettig asked the percentage of lifeguards that are college aged as opposed to high school. Mr. Shives said that he believes it is about 70%. He added that it would be a challenge to staff, but he is not ready to say they cannot do it.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rettig
Chairman, Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.