

RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

AUGUST 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Deborah Born. Committee members present were Deborah Born, Jan Materni and Jonathan Smith. Also present was City Administrator Bridgette Kabat.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2021 MEETING

Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting as written. Ms. Materni seconded. Ms. Born voted present. The minutes were approved 2-1.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Tony Wade, a member of PRAC, presented the Committee with pictures of the playgrounds at Three Meadows, Municipal, and Woodlands Parks. He said that he has heard from several of his neighbors that they will not take their small children to the playground at Three Meadows Park because it is too close to the pond, and it is not fenced like the playgrounds at Municipal and Woodlands Parks. Ms. Born said that she agrees it should be fenced in. Ms. Materni said that she believes it was an oversight. Mr. Smith said that we should look at the cost, but he does not believe it should be fully enclosed because he has heard that people like to take their dogs to the other fenced in areas early in the morning and let them run around. Ms. Materni said the opening could be on the side opposite from the pond. Ms. Born said that at the last PRAC meeting Mr. Wade also brought up the subject of a walking path around Three Meadows Pond. There was discussion regarding the erosion control work at the pond that has not been completed.

APPOINTMENT OF PRAC MEMBER

Allison Westmeyer, a sophomore at Notre Dame Academy, was present to be considered for appointment to PRAC. Ms. Westmeyer said that she works at the zoo, she is interested in nature, and she wants to work in government. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of Ms. Westmeyer's appointment.

PROPOSED HOCKEY ARENA

Kevin Fisher of 25256 Windy Trace Drive, who is the varsity hockey coach at Perrysburg High School, was present to discuss the need for an ice arena in the Perrysburg area. Mr. Fisher made a presentation showing the need for the arena. The Committee agreed that there was a need, but had concerns about the cost. Mr. Smith said that it would probably need to be a public and private project because of the cost. He said that he would like to see this moved to the next step where a study is done to determine the cost of the project. He said that he will discuss it with the Administration, and it might need to be approved by City Council depending on the cost of the study. Mr. Smith said this could be a big benefit to businesses and hotels in the City. Ms. Born suggested that Mr. Fisher

contact the Wood County Economic Development Commission, and Glenn Grisdale of Reveille.

PRAC REPORT

Ms. Born reported that at the last PRAC meeting there was discussion regarding a skateboard park at Rotary Park, and a natural walking path at Three Meadows Pond. She said PRAC members reiterated that they do not want the parking lot at Orleans Park paved, and they asked about the process for new parks.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Sutton
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.