

RECREATION COMMITTEE

JULY 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Deborah Born. Committee members present were Deborah Born, Jim Matuszak, and Jonathan Smith. Also present was Jon Eckel, Public Service Director.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – PABSC

Mr. Eckel requested renewal of a memorandum of understanding with the Perrysburg Amateur Baseball and Softball Commission (PABSC). He said that for the last eight to ten years we have been in a cooperative partnership with PABSC. The memorandum of understanding outlines their responsibilities and the City's responsibilities. Mr. Eckel said that this partnership has allowed the City to cut expenses because PABSC staff run the concession stands, consolidate the trash, and maintain the fields. Mr. Smith asked when City Council will get an update from the Board. Mr. Eckel said that will occur later in the year and PABSC has ninety days after their year fiscal year ending July 31 to submit year-end financial reports and the profit sharing check to the City. Mr. Smith asked if we have received any complaints this year, and Mr. Eckel said we have not. Mr. Matuszak asked if they have submitted their certificate of liability insurance. Mr. Eckel said they are current on that. Mr. Matuszak said that he does not recall seeing the financial statement for last year. Mr. Eckel said that he will send it to the Committee. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the memorandum of understanding contingent upon getting the July 31, 2017 year end information.

LOWER RETAINING WALL – HOOD PARK

Mr. Eckel stated that replacement of the lower retaining wall was considered by the Service Committee earlier this year. He said that he is requesting approval of two contracts – a contract with Turner Concrete to purchase the Redi Rock, and a contract with Michigan Pavers to install the Redi Rock. Mr. Eckel said that he talked to City Engineer Doug Dariano about the integrity of the product. It was used in the 900 block of Pine Street at Grassy Creek over eight years ago. Mr. Eckel said that there is a 9' vertical wall, load bearing with traffic that has been exposed to the freeze/thaw pattern and is intact. Ms. Born said that she did some research and the Secretary of Interior guidelines has a list of approved materials and Redi Rock is not on the list. She said that it is not compatible with the City's Historic Landmarks Commission's guidelines. She added that it is an inferior building material that does not last and it is failing at Riverside Park and on the upper wall at Hood Park. She said that she cannot support this request. Mr. Smith asked if Ms. Born has the list of the materials from the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines. Ms. Born said that the City has to abide by the City's Historic District guidelines. Jon Orser, 125 E. Front Street, said that the City's Historic District guidelines incorporate the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines. Mr. Matuszak asked if this is holding

up the DDI signage. Mr. Eckel said that there is some economy of scale with Michigan Pavers. Jim Hagen, 10741 Avenue Road, asked what other material Ms. Born would like to see used. Ms. Born said that what is there should be left. Mr. Hagen asked if there is a reason given why the material is not acceptable to the Secretary of the Interior. Ms. Born stated that it is not historical. Mr. Eckel said that he can't speak to whether it is historical, but he can speak to the integrity of the product. Mr. Smith read the minutes of the May 14, 2018 Historic Landmarks Commission meeting where they approved the application for the lower retaining wall. Ms. Born said that she does not blame the Historic Landmarks Commission. She feels they have not been educated and are just being led down a path by the Planning and Zoning Administrator. Mr. Smith said that he takes offense that the Historic Landmarks Commission members are being led down a path. He said he feels that they can come to a decision on their own, and he thinks this should go on to City Council as a whole. Mr. Matuszak said that he just wants to see if the materials are allowed under our ordinance. Ms. Born tabled the issue.

PARK MAINTENANCE

Ms. Born asked what work is done at the parks. Mr. Eckel said that they mow, trim, trim trees, and perform repairs and maintenance on playground equipment and shelters. Mr. Matuszak asked if Riverside Park is the way it is supposed to be. Mr. Eckel said that the steeper hillsides are supposed to be prairie and the lesser slopes are meant to be mowed. He said that their intention is to spruce it up, but it is a bad time to do plantings.

VACANCY FOR PRAC STUDENT POSITION

Ms. Born reported that the Mayor has put forth a student candidate for PRAC, and the candidate will be attending the next committee meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Orser said that he spoke with Kent Becker of the Toledo Zoo, and Mr. Becker said that he has had positive interaction with the Administration, and they sold out at the Farmers' Market.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Born, Chairperson
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.