

PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report on regular meeting of July 16, 2019

PRESENT: Chairwoman Deborah Born, Counselors Jim Matuszak and Jonathan Smith, City Administrator Bridgette Kabat, Law Director Laura Alkire.

Chairwoman Born called the meeting to order at 6:30 P. M. in Council chambers.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, citizen concerns were requested with none presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) Splash pad water line location: Chairwoman Born reminded the City Administrator that the latter had agreed to report back to this Committee on the location of the water line which will service the Rotary Park splash pad. Ms. Kabat stated that the Administration is currently reviewing a sanitary sewer line to Rotary Park. Ms. Born commented that in January Ms. Kabat had discussed a water line for the splash pad. Ms. Kabat responded that she believes that there is a water line within Rotary Park but is not sure where it is or what capacity it will support. Ms. Kabat also stated that she is researching the subject. Ms. Born commented that the splash pad is not intended to look like Las Vegas.

B) No further information was brought forward concerning the Riverside Park cannon stands.

C) Inclusive playground: Ryan Wichman, Horseshoe Bend subdivision, was present representing "Wood County Plays", an organization he has founded to raise money for an "inclusive play ground" for Perrysburg. This type of playground can be used by all children, including those with disabilities. Mr. Wichman presented informational packets to the Committee about how the project can be achieved. He also mentioned that an informational meeting for the Community had been held recently and more than 50 citizens attended. They are now organizing a steering committee and a community committee. He mentioned that one of the organization's goals is to purchase equipment which is practical as well as attractive.

Mr. Wichman showed the Committee a Google map of Rotary Park with a proposed location with the park of 100 feet by 100 feet (this area would include the splash pad). He said it would be very helpful for the fundraising that Wood County Plays is doing if the City would make some kind of commitment that the necessary space in Rotary Park will be available. Chairwoman Born congratulated Mr. Wichman's organization for having raised already \$50,000 and he clarified that the donation came from the Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Mr. Wichman stated that the total cost of the Playground equipment would be around \$350,000, for the surfacing about \$200,000 and for the splash pad \$100,000 to \$150,000. The total project would be funded by private donations.

Mr. Matuszak asked who prepared the map, Mr. Wichman replied that he did. Mr. Wichman also stated another benefit of the park would be to enable children with disabilities to play with those without them so each can learn from the other.

Mr. Smith noted that there is in existence a master plan for Rotary Park and these proposals are not in it. He said that he is not opposed to the idea but wants to make sure it goes through the proper channels. Ms. Kabat responded that the Planning Commission would have to approve a change in the master plan to include them.

Mr. Matuszak asked if Rotary Park is the proposed location; Ms. Born replied that that is the hope. Ms. Alkire clarified that the next step will be to have the Planning and Zoning Committee of Council review the proposed amendment to the Rotary Park Master plan at its special meeting on July 30. If approved it

