

RECREATION COMMITTEE

JULY 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Rick Rettig. Committee members present were: Tom Mackin, Jim Matuszak and Rick Rettig. Also present was Service Director Jon Eckel.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO PRAC

Ben Krautheim was present to be considered as a student representative to PRAC. He said that he has lived in Perrysburg his whole life, he plays soccer, and he uses the parks frequently. He said he feels he can contribute to PRAC. The Committee thanked Mr. Krautheim for his willingness to serve and recommended 3-0 that he be appointed to PRAC.

UPDATE ON SKATE PARK

John Hawley was present to keep the Committee informed about his progress in garnering support for a skate park. Mr. Hawley said that he has visited other community skate parks and he had a booth at the First Friday event in June to gather signatures of people willing to get involved. He said it is moving slowly, but he is trying to encourage skaters to come forward and get involved and is having a difficult time getting them to commit. He said they are younger and are hesitant to get involved because they feel there's nothing they can do to help. Mr. Eckel said that he is looking for a commitment and participation from the skating community, not necessarily with money, but it could be in-kind services for items like the concrete work. Mr. Mackin asked if it would help if the City committed to a location for the Skate Park. Mr. Eckel said that it has not been determined yet, but Rotary Park has room, and he has spoken to representatives from the YMCA about it. Mr. Matuszak encouraged Mr. Hawley to contact suppliers of skating equipment to see if they could help him with ideas on how to raise support. Mr. Rettig said that he was skeptical at first until he learned more and now he realizes that a segment of our youth population is not being served as well as they could be. He told Mr. Hawley that there will be skeptics, but the cause becomes more appealing with more and more voices and more and more faces. The Committee thanked Mr. Hawley for his work and encouraged him to keep moving forward.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rettig, Chairman
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.