

PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report for regular meeting of June 9th, 2020

PRESENT: Chairwoman Deborah Born, Counselors Jonathan Smith and Jan Materni.

Chairwoman Born called the meeting to order at 6:40 P. M. in Council Chambers.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, citizen concerns were requested with Mr Smith reporting concerns regarding the playgrounds re-opening. This has been addressed and per the Governor's orders, all playgrounds will be re-opened as of June 10th, 2020. Chairwoman Born mentioned that she also received questions about the swimming pool, as to when it will be opening or if it will be opening this year. She also mentioned that the tennis and pickleball courts have now been re-opened. (Following Governor Dewine's Orders)

Old Business: Riverside Park Canon stands, there was no discussion. The Inclusive Playground, Chairwoman Born stated that Ryan (Wichman), who is working on the project in Rotary Park; indicated that due to the Corona Virus pandemic fundraising had slowed down for this year Co the project will be continuing next year (2021). Ms. Born commented that she is pleased that the project is still going forward. Ms Materni mentioned that Mr. Freeze had donated \$5,000 to the Inclusive Playground project.

Regarding the Splash Pad, there was no discussion.

The Multi-Purpose Sports Wall, Ms. Born mentioned that Damon Gorcz had presented the idea to the Recreation Committee at a prior meeting. He indicated that it could be used for lacrosse and soccer teams. The estimated cost would be \$15,000, Ms. Materni agreed that she thought it was a good idea. Ms. Born added that hopefully Mr Gorcz will be at the next Recreation Comittee meeting to discuss it.

New Business: Ms. Born discussed the idea of a Handball court to be constructed on the west side, which was suggested by Al Rava of Maple Street - he also known as "Mr. Tennis" in Perrysburg. Ms. Born indicated that Mr. Rava suggested we may need to raise proceeds for this project.

PBASC financials request, Ms. Born mentioned that she will request the finanical report from Mr. McGrady so that it can be reviewed at the next meeting.

Swimming pool: regarding the opening of the pool there was quite a discussion about it. Ms. Materni said that she had heard a lot of misinformation and that the Health Department regulations limited the amount of people allowed there versus passes sold; which would create issues for scheduling and reservations. Ms. Born mentioned that she was very disappointed that the pool was closed this

year, and that for many years the pool was available to (City of) Perrysburg residents for their enjoyment. It was initially available to its citizens first and then surrounding communities for an additional cost. Ms. Materni also agreed with Ms. Born that she was disappointed the pool was closed. Ms. Materni mentioned a deficit of \$150,000. Mr. Smith added that he was curious to see how many people would purchase passes for the pool this year, and possibly next year due to the circumstances. He agreed that he initially thought the deficit was a lot of money, however after some research and compared to surrounding cities; it is like that across all municipalities. He then questioned if any of the pools had opened this year due to the new regulations.

Other New Business; Ms. Born mentioned that any issues in which the Administration wishes this committee to review must be received by the Chairman by the close of business the previous Friday. Any issues received after that time will be tabled until the next meeting.

Other Business: Ms. Materni added she was happy that we have a Summer Recreation program available. Ms. Born agreed that it is great program and has been around for years and is proud of the 12 parks available to our community. Mr Smith agreed.

PRAC Report; no report because there has been no meeting held.

Adjournment: 6:52 PM