

PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report for regular meeting of May 14, 2019

PRESENT: Chairwoman Deborah Born, Committee members Jim Matuszak and Jonathan Smith,

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

Citizen concerns: none presented.

Old Business:

Splash Pad: Chairwoman Born stated that in order to proceed further with the splash pad project it will be necessary to determine the location of the water line which will service it. The line's location will determine whether the pad will be constructed in Rotary or Rivercrest Park. Since no staff person was present to answer the question, Ms. Born stated that she would contact Service Director Eckel before the next Council meeting.

Riverside Park cannon stands: Kitty Gibson, 29639 Duxbury Lane, was present with copies of the bids for cannon stands which she had previously shown the committee. Mr. Matuszak stated that he believes the most desirable procedure would be to present a package containing the information we have about the project (including the quotes) to the Mayor who can then (if he chooses) submit a request to Council for funding. Ms. Born commented that at least two private individuals have expressed an interest in donating funds to cover part of the cost. Mr. Smith commented that if the entire cost were paid with donations the Administration would not have to get involved. Ms. Born responded that at present the proposed donations would only cover part.

New Business:

Ryan Wichman, Horseshoe Bend Subdivision, had previously asked Chairwoman Born for permission to address the Committee. Mr. Wichman has recently moved to Perrysburg and he reported that when he and his young son (who is handicapped) visited some of the City Parks, particularly Woodland and Rivercrest Parks, they found them unsuitable for a child with his son's situation. Mr. Wichman proposed that the City construct a new park which would meet his requirements which he called "inclusive playgrounds." Ms. Born responded the City already has twelve parks and she would like all of the parks which contain playground equipment to be "inclusive" and rather than build a new park they should adapt the existing ones. Mr. Wichman went on to describe the various procedures which might be used to do this. Examples included the type of surface used in a park and methods used to get on to the equipment. He also presented a photo of a park of this type in another city for the Committee's review. Ms. Born suggested that Mr. Wichman bring to a future meeting cost estimates for the type of work he has in mind. Mr. Wichman stated he would like to raise private contributions to help pay for this. Mr. Smith said he was interested in learning more about the idea.

Cross walk between Rotary and Riverside Parks: PRAC member Rick Gilts had asked Chairwoman Born if he could address the Committee about the construction of a cross walk across Fort Meigs Road between Rotary and Rivercrest Parks. Mr. Gilts was not in attendance at the meeting so this topic will be tabled until he appears.

Meeting Adjourned 6:50 P. M. Next meeting will be June 11 at 6:30 P. M.

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