

RECREATION COMMITTEE

MAY 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chairperson Deborah Born. Committee members present were Deborah Born and Jim Matuszak. Jonathan Smith was absent.

PICKLEBALL COURTS

John Jenkins and Paul Smithers were present to request additional pickleball courts at Municipal Park. Mr. Smithers said that the tennis courts need to be resurfaced because they are starting to look pitted. He proposed that when they are resurfaced that two courts be used for tennis and the other two be converted into eight courts to be used exclusively for pickleball. He said that they currently have two courts that they use at Municipal Park, but with eight courts they could have competitions that would benefit the concession stands and show residents that Perrysburg cares about adult recreation. Mr. Matuszak suggested that if they had an organized club, the fees could be used to help maintain the courts, similar to the agreements that the City has with soccer and baseball.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Born thanked Jon Eckel and his staff for fixing the Maple Street Boat Launch.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Born said that she will be preparing the agenda for the Recreation Committee from now on.

Ms. Born said that there are people interested in a splash pad. Mike Cousino, 26901 Eckel Road, said that he feels that is a great way to bring the community together, and it is a worthwhile expense.

Ms. Born reported that she spoke to Jeff Sailer of the Toledo Zoo and he is interested in working with us to plant native plants at Hood Park with or without the wall. Mr. Cousino said that it would be a shame to lose greenspace at Hood Park by installing Redi-Rock. He said that it is one of the last nice places along the river to see the sunset. Mr. Matuszak noted that installing the retaining wall does not preclude the plantings from being done. He suggested that perhaps the plantings could help hide some of the Redi-Rock to satisfy both sides of the issue. Mr. Cousino mentioned additional parking at Hood Park and the cost involved. Mr. Matuszak agreed that they were expensive parking spaces, but he said the Mayor eliminated that from the budget.

Jon Orser, 125 E. Front Street, responded to the comment by Mr. Matuszak that it was desirable for people to come to the City. Mr. Orser asked what was the goal to have people come to the City, if it is for economic benefit. The fishermen supply very little of that since they do not patronize local stores.

Ms. Born said that regarding the sailing lessons with the Perrysburg Boat Club, Sue Reider is able to give the lessons.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Born, Chairperson
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.