

PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

Recreation Committee

Regular meeting of April 9, 2019

PRESENT: Chairwoman Deborah Born, Committee member Jonathan Smith, Safety Director Jon Eckel.
ABSENT: Committee member Jim Matuszak.

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

No citizen concerns were presented.

PRAC appointments:

Mayor Mackin has requested that the Committee recommend approval of two citizens to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Both candidates were present and Chairwoman Born asked each one to tell the Committee a little bit about themselves.

Will Harbauer (232 East Fifth Street) stated that he has lived in the City for five years and last year served on the Charter Review Commission. He added that parks are a very big part of his life. He also stated that he has visited every park in the City. The Committee voted 1-0 to recommend that Council approve Mr. Harbauer's appointment to PRAC. Councilman Smith abstained because Mr. Harbauer is his reelection campaign treasurer.

Dave Shannon (934 Mulberry Street) stated that he likes parks particularly the ones along the river and would like to be involved in decisions involving parks. The Committee voted 2-0 to recommend approval of Mr. Shannon's appointment to PRAC.

Dog Park: No citizen advocates for a proposed dog park were present. This issue will be tabled until any further information is presented. Chairwoman Born stated that if the decision is made later to build a dog park it should be located in an existing park, preferably on the west side.

Riverside Park cannons: Chairman Born asked Jon Orser (125 East Front Street) if he had any comments about this project. Mr. Orser answered that he was prepared to make a contribution to fund a portion of the cost of this project but needed further information on the total cost.

Pickleball courts: the City Administration has requested that the Committee recommend approval of a resolution permitting the Administration to enter into an agreement with Courtsmiths for the construction of pickleball courts at Municipal Park. The Committee voted 2-0 to approve this request.

Other business: Councilman Smith stated that he believes that a ten year plan for all City parks should be created; Mr. Eckel responded that such a plan already exists. It was prepared by PRAC five years ago.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P. M. Next meeting will be May 14 at 6:30 P. M.

Respectfully,
Deborah L. Born, Chairwoman
April 15, 2019