

RECREATION COMMITTEE

MARCH 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Deborah Born. Committee members present were Deborah Born, Jim Matuszak, and Jonathan Smith. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, and Jon Eckel, Service Director.

RIVERSIDE PARK CANNONS

Kitty Gibson was present to give the Committee an update to her presentation from last month's meeting regarding new bases for the cannons at Riverside Park. She provided an estimate to the committee of a company that could do the bases in aluminum, but it was more than the estimate she provided last month from Steen Cannon & Ordnance. Ms. Gibson said that she met with Andy Berghoff of the Ohio History Connection, and they discussed a possible grant to help cover the cost of the project. Mr. Matuszak asked if the \$20,000 grant limit would be for each carriage. Ms. Gibson said that it could be done over a two year period and do one each year.

Jim Hagen, Avenue Road, presented the committee with an estimate that was done a couple of years ago for a Wood County Park Grant. He said that it is an alternative with a local option.

LACROSSE FIELDS

Damon Gorzc was present on behalf of Perrysburg Youth Lacrosse to request use of a City owned field for lacrosse. He talked about how participation in lacrosse has grown nationally and locally. He said that they have 225 to 250 kids participating. He said that he believes his organization could handle the goals, nets and striping. Ms. Kabat asked when they would use the field if one is available. Mr. Gorzc said that the youth league is in April and May, and they offer a six week clinic on Sundays in the fall. Ms. Kabat asked if the field would be used for practices or games, and how many teams would be using it because they are concerned with field rest. Mr. Gorzc said that it would initially be used for practices and would be used by two teams. Ms. Kabat said that she and Mr. Eckel will sit down and go over the field usage and see if there is anything available. She asked Mr. Gorzc to email her the number of participants by age level. Mr. Gorzc said that their registration closes March 22 so he will send the information shortly thereafter. Ms. Born asked that the Committee be kept up to date on discussions regarding field use.

MAPLE STREET BOAT LAUNCH

Mr. Eckel said that there are no dollars in the 2018 budget for Maple Street boat launch repairs. However, every year they go down and clean up the parking lot which they are doing right now. Last year, the riprap was repaired and the ramp needs to be repaired, but they need a strong west wind for a few days so they can bring in a concrete truck to fill the holes. Ms. Kabat said that if City Council wants something different done, we would need engineering plans and would have to get permission from the Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Born said that she has talked to the neighbors and they don't want anything else done. Mr. Smith said that as popular as walleye fishing is and with the huge

economic benefit, he thinks we need to look at a more permanent solution. Mr. Matuszak said that the appearance would be no different regardless of how we fix it, so it comes down to what it will cost versus the useful life. Mr. Eckel and Ms. Kabat said that they will try to get an estimate of the cost to do a cofferdam to divert the water, and the cost of any permits that would be required. Ms. Kabat said that ODOT might have this information because that is what they are doing at the site of the new Waterville Bridge.

THREE MEADOWS POND – SAILING LESSONS

Ms. Born asked who provided sailing lessons in the past. Mr. Eckel said that when the pond was open, they were provided by the pond staff. Ms. Born asked if they could be provided this year. Mr. Eckel said that if someone provides a proposal and there are no safety issues, it would be up to the Recreation Program Director. Ms. Kabat said that she would talk to the Law Director about liability issues. Ms. Born asked that she be provided with whatever information is gathered.

HOOD PARK/RIVERSIDE PARK

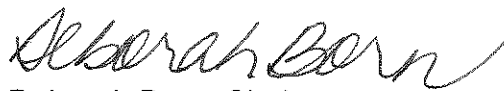
Ms. Born said that she will be meeting with Jeff Sailer of the Toledo Zoo to talk to him about what flowers and bushes could be planted on the hill at Hood Park where it crumbles. She said that she does not think the Redi-rock is attractive, and she would like to see what can be planted to help stabilize and beautify the area. Mr. Smith asked if the \$80,000 in the budget is enough to fix the retaining wall. Mr. Eckel said that the worst parts have been done. Ms. Kabat said that the \$80,000 is enough to finish the lower wall.

Ms. Born said that she has reached out to two garden groups to see if they are interested in donating funds for a park bench at Riverside Park. There was discussion regarding the \$115,000 in the budget for seating and shading at Riverside Park. Ms. Born asked if the Committee was comfortable leaving that in the budget. Mr. Matuszak said that he is okay with it, with the understanding that it comes back to the Committee before the funds are expended.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Eckel how many docks could be purchased with the \$25,000 budgeted for docks. Mr. Eckel said that it would provide about eight additional spaces which would bring the number of spaces up to 22 or 23.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Born, Chairperson
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.