

RECREATION COMMITTEE

MARCH 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Rick Rettig. Committee members present were: Tom Mackin, Jim Matuszak and Rick Rettig. Also present were City Administrator Bridgette Kabat and Service Director Jon Eckel.

INTRODUCTION OF PABSC OFFICERS AND PRESENTATION OF 2013 REVENUE SHARING CHECK

Mr. Eckel introduced Mark Kruzel and Cindy Gumpf, officers of PABSC, to the Committee. Mr. Kruzel explained that PABSC offers a banner advertising program, field naming, and field rentals to outside organizations as a way to generate revenue. He said that the field rentals are made only after all Perrysburg teams are scheduled to use the fields. Through these items, they have been able to recoup their share of the cost of fencing, pay for lighting, and purchase a new three wheeler so there is one at Rivercrest Park and one at Municipal Park. Mr. Kruzel said that their total revenue for those items in 2013 was \$26,725 and they had \$3,569 in related costs for net revenue of \$23,156. Mr. Kruzel presented the Committee with a check for \$11,578 representing the City's share of that revenue. Mr. Eckel said that it has been an incredible relationship with PABSC. Mr. Mackin asked Mr. Kruzel and Ms. Gumpf how registrations are going this year. Ms. Gumpf said that their numbers are down a little. She said that there were snowstorms on two out of three registration days. Their largest group is five and six year old boys; they will have twelve teams with twelve on each team. She said, weather permitting, they plan to open the fields the end of this month. Mr. Kruzel said that they have been losing some kids to lacrosse, especially junior high aged boys. He added that the focus for softball has shifted to travel teams so those numbers have also decreased. He explained that tournament teams can play six to eight games a weekend as opposed to playing two games during the week. Mr. Matuszak asked if we host any of those tournaments. Mr. Kruzel said that spring and fall softball leagues rent the fields. Mr. Rettig asked what PABSC has planned as their next big project. Mr. Kruzel said that they are going to add two batting cages at Rivercrest and then plan on doing dugouts at Rivercrest. The Committee thanked Mr. Kruzel and Ms. Gumpf.

CONTRACT WITH YMCA FOR OPERATION OF PERRYSBURG MUNICIPAL POOL AND SWIM LESSONS FOR 2014

Mr. Eckel requested approval of two ordinances dealing with the Municipal Pool. The ordinances are for approval of a contract with the YMCA for operation of the pool and for swim lessons for 2014. He said the cost went up 3% to \$181,000 but other than that, the agreement is the same as last year's. He said that the pool is not self-sustaining, and it typically costs the City \$70,000 to \$90,000 above the revenue collected. Mr. Mackin asked if Mr. Eckel is comfortable with the arrangement we have with the YMCA. Mr. Eckel said that it is a great relationship, and he feels the pool is safer for residents with the Y running it. Mr. Rettig said that he has observed the lifeguards and they are

well trained and do a great job monitoring the pool. Mr. Matuszak asked how the pool stacks up to other communities. Mr. Eckel said that there are different philosophies regarding usage of municipal pools and rates vary based on how many outside residents are allowed because that generates additional revenue. He said that our rates are not the highest nor are they the lowest. Mr. Eckel explained the procedure the City has used in limiting the number of pool passes issued to non-City, school district residents. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of these ordinances.

POOL RATES – 2014

Mr. Eckel presented the Committee with proposed pool rates for 2014. The proposed rates reflect a modest increase for most categories with a slightly higher increase for non-resident pool parties. Mr. Eckel stated that the rates have not been raised in four years. Mr. Rettig said the rates seem reasonable, and the Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval.

CONTRACT FOR 2014 ASH TREE REMOVAL

Mr. Eckel requested permission to enter into an agreement with Treemendous Tree Service for removal of ash trees. This is in conjunction with the 2013 Western Lake Erie Basin Ash Removal grant that the City was awarded last fall. It is a matching grant, so the City will be reimbursed 50% of the cost which is \$38,115. Mr. Rettig noted that the quote received from Treemendous is much lower than the other two quotes, and he asked if we have any experience with them. Mr. Eckel said that we have a long history with Treemendous, and he has no concerns with the company. There was a brief discussion regarding the City's past efforts in controlling the emerald ash borer. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the ordinance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rettig, Chairman
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.