

PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report for regular meeting of March 10, 2020

PRESENT: Chairwoman Deborah Born, Counselors Jan Materni and Jonathan Smith, City Administrator Bridgette Kabat, Law Director Laura Alkire.

Chairwoman Born called the meeting to order at 6:45 in Council Chambers. After the pledge of Allegiance, citizen concerns were requested. Mark Weber, 836 Cherry Street, reported that, in response to a request from Judy Hagen (Program Coordinator of Keep Perrysburg Beautiful), he has prepared a report on the history of the City of Perrysburg's Parks. He presented a copy of the report to each of the three Committee members. Mr. Weber added that if the members of PRAC want copies he will find a way to get them to them.

Ms. Born noted that \$25,000 has been placed in the 2020 budget for the Riverside Park cannon stands and in addition to the four individuals who have already agreed to donate \$5,000 each toward the stands, two additional donors have come forward with a similar offer to do the same.

There was no new information on the Inclusive playground.

There was no new information on the splash pad proposed for either Rotary or Rivercrest Park.

Ms. Born asked Ms. Kabat to discuss the Administration's request for additional funding for the Rotary Park Pavilion. Ms. Kabat reported that because the cost of the pavilion will be higher than expected, the Perrysburg Rotary Club is asking the City to give them an additional \$47,000. Chairman Born asked Mr. Smith for his opinion. Mr. Smith replied that to him many of the additional costs would address future needs for the park Ms. Kabat stated that some of the additional sidewalk would be a convenience to future users of the pavilion plus it could be expanded to serve the proposed inclusive playground which would be immediately to the North. Ms. Materni stated that this seems reasonable because the park will probably be heavily used. Ms. Born asked how Ms. Kabat wished to proceed with this. The latter replied that she would like the Committee to recommend to Council that this item be placed in the 2020 budget as a placeholder. Approved 2-0 (Smith abstaining).

Ms. Kabat then discussed a series of budget items involving Recreation. A lengthy discussion followed but no action was taken by the Committee.

Steve Shives, 24568 Tracy Road, Perrysburg Township, who is the District Vice President of the YMCA of Greater Toledo came forward to answer any questions the Committee might have about the contract Perrysburg has with the YMCA to manage the municipal swimming pool. Ms. Born stated that many of her constituents have complained because the pool opens late and closes early. Mr. Shives responded that the late openings are often caused by cold weather The early closing is caused primarily by the loss of potential staff who either go back to college or in high school have extracurricular activities which prevent them from working. Ms. Materni asked why the pool cannot be opened over Labor Day weekend. Mr. Shives responded that the cost would be prohibitive. The Committee agreed that it wished that future legislation involving the pool would require that no annual increase in cost be higher than 3% Ms. Alkire agreed to abide by this request.

There was no PRAC report because PRAC will not meet until April.

Chairwoman Born asked Damon Gorcz, 1533 Riverview, who was representing Perrysburg Youth Lacrosse, to come to the podium. Mr. Gorcz described how successful Perrysburg Youth Lacrosse has been and went on to say that the team needs a free standing multi purpose sports wall which could also be used by participants in other sports (soccer, volleyball and tennis). Chairwoman Born asked how much such a wall would cost. Mr. Gorcz responded that on the East coast it would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000, here probably less but he wanted to offer the known figure.

Here followed a discussion of possible practice venues into which Perrysburg Youth Lacrosse might expand. Mr. Gorcz stated it would be ideal to have one on the East and another on the West side of town.

Tim McGrady, 401 West Front Street, came to the podium and introduced himself as the new President of the Perrysburg Amateur Baseball and Softball Commission (PABSC). Mr. McGrady stated that he did not have any action items but wanted to introduce himself to the Committee. Chairwoman Born thanked him for coming.

Meeting adjourned 7:24 P. M.
Next meeting is April 14, 2020 at 6:30 P. M.

Report prepared by
Deborah L. Born, Chairwoman
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