

RECREATION COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Rettig. Committee members present were Jim Matuszak, Rick Rettig and Jonathan Smith. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator and Jon Eckel, Service Director.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Jon Orser and Deborah Born, 125 East Front Street, Tom and Diana Friess, 311 West Indiana Avenue, and Rob and Nancy Gates, 544 East Indiana Avenue, were present regarding multi-use paths and bike lanes. Mr. Orser asked if any action is contemplated, and Mr. Rettig explained that he met with the Administration and he is researching bike lanes, but he does not see any action being taken any time soon. Ms. Friess asked why there are dollars appropriated. Mr. Rettig said that the funds in the budget for a multi-use path are for one near the new intermediate school. Ms. Friess said that she does not understand why anyone would even entertain anything within the boundaries. Mr. Rettig said that he does feel there are some opportunities for multi-use paths to help provide connectivity in the City. He said that he is not sure how to move forward, but he would like to investigate and research it.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PABSC

Mr. Eckel requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with PABSC. He said that there are a few changes since last year including that it is a two year agreement instead of one year, we've added language regarding non-PABSC teams getting insurance, and language clean up addressing the Perrysburg Schools' field use and the Sunday night ladies softball league. Mr. Eckel said that we have received PABSC's insurance papers and their profit and loss statement. Mr. Matuszak requested a copy of the previous agreement so he can see line by line the changes. He also asked who he should address questions to regarding the profit and loss statement. Don Whitner, the Vice-President of baseball said that Erica Parish is the President and Laura Oros is the Treasurer. Mr. Eckel said that they plan on having the whole group at next month's Committee meeting.

There was discussion regarding changes made to how the fields are scheduled. Mr. Whitner said that there is now a committee of three that handles scheduling instead of just one person doing it. William Gau, 283 Queensland, said that he is concerned that the new agreement is the same as the old agreement and it does not help non-PABSC teams use the fields. Mr. Eckel said that we are working together to try and have a good program for the kids. He said that he is not a field scheduler. Ms. Kabat stated that we do not have the staff or resources to be the appeals court for field usage.

A special meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the agreement with PABSC.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH YMCA FOR OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL POOL FOR 2017

Mr. Eckel requested approval of a contract with the YMCA for operation of the City Pool for 2017. He said the agreement is the same as last year except for a 2% increase. Mr. Eckel said that we have a great relationship with the Y and have worked well together. Other than a few issues with a pump and chlorinator last year, there were no issues at the pool. Mr. Rettig said that the Y does a great job and he is not dissatisfied with them, but the City lost about \$177,000 operating the pool last year. He asked the Committee if they wanted to discuss it. Mr. Matuszak said that he cannot think of any government programs that make money. Ms. Kabat said that for the next meeting they could do an analysis of what it would cost the City to staff the pool and the costs to recruit, train and certify lifeguards. She said that she also needs to make sure that there are no timing issues with payments for prior years included in last year's numbers. Mr. Eckel said that before the Y managed the pool he had to hire 28 kids and two teachers plus he always had safety concerns. He said the pool has always cost money to run and he doesn't think residents want to pay the higher membership fees it would take to break even. Mr. Rettig said that Mr. Eckel previously spoke about his feeling that the Y managing the pool is like an insurance policy. Mr. Matuszak said that he appreciates the Y and he appreciates Mr. Rettig putting the question out there for discussion. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the contract with the YMCA for operation of the City pool for 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Kabat stated that TMACOG is working with ODOT on a nationwide project regarding cross country bike routes and they would like the City to approve a resolution of support. This project would consist of creating a numbering system for cross country routes and ODOT putting up signs. It does not mean that bike lanes or bike paths are being installed, it simply lets bikers know preferred routes to go across country. Ms. Kabat distributed information to the Committee about the project and asked them to let her know if they had any questions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rettig, Chairman
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Special meeting, Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular meeting, Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.