RECREATION COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Chairperson Deborah Born. Committee members present were Deborah Born, Jim Matuszak, and Jonathan Smith. Also present was Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator.

PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH FORT MEIGS YMCA FOR MUNICIPAL POOL OPERATIONS

Ms. Kabat distributed an exhibit showing the scope of work for municipal pool operations by the Fort Meigs YMCA, which will be attached to the City's standard contract. Ms. Kabat said that the amount for 2018 is $224,562 which is less than a 3% increase over 2017, and is due to an increase in the minimum wage. Ms. Kabat said that besides the price the only difference in the contract is that the contract will be renewable for two years if the contract does not increase by more than 3% from the previous year. Mr. Matuszak made the suggestion that verbiage be added that any increase is subject to verification of an actual increase in cost. He said that would give the people that they represent a little comfort. Mr. Smith noted that this year's proposal shows a triathlon event for kids and adults in July. Kacy Myers of the YMCA said that they had the event for kids last year, but it was added after the agreement was approved. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of an agreement with the Fort Meigs YMCA for municipal pool operations with the following language to be added, this contract shall renew for 2 one-year terms provided that the cost of the services to the City increases no more than 3% per year, and subject to City Council's review and acceptance of the YMCA's actual increases in the costs of providing such services to the City.

RIVERSIDE PARK CANNONS

Kitty Gibson, 29639 Duxbury, presented information to the Committee regarding the cannons in Riverside Park. Ms. Gibson said that she has done research on the cannons and found that they were two of thirty cannons made in 1906 for the U.S.S. Constitution. The City purchased the cannons for $150 each in 1934. Ms. Gibson said that the bases of the cannons are chunks of concrete and are not aesthetically pleasing. She showed pictures that showed the type of carriage the cannons should be placed on. She got quotes from Steen Cannons in Ashland, Kentucky. The cost of an all metal carriage would be $15,500 each or for a carriage made of wood and metal it would be $13,000 each, not including delivery. Ms. Gibson said that she has also be in contact with the Ohio History Connection and they have grants that could assist in paying for the bases. Ms. Born suggested reaching out to Historic Perrysburg to see if they would be interested in providing any support for the bases. Mr. Matuszak said that if there is interest in doing it, it would probably be a 2019 project. Ms. Born said that it might be worth doing, and Mr. Smith asked if any local companies could do the work. Ms. Born suggested Hayes

Ornamental. Mr. Smith said that he would like to do some additional research. The Committee thanked Ms. Gibson for her presentation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Smith said that at the end of last year the Committee discussed taking dollars budgeted for Hood Park parking and putting them into a line item for Maple Street boat launch improvements. Ms. Kabat said that there are no funds for Hood Park parking in the budget. Ms. Kabat said that she will check with Mr. Eckel, but she thinks that the Army Corps of Engineers would probably have to be involved when you're talking about the Maple Street boat launch. The Committee discussed the difficulty in doing any repairs at the boat launch. Mr. Matuszak said that he is picturing something like the Rossford Marina but much smaller. The Committee discussed the seating for Riverside Park. Ms. Kabat said there is $115,000 in the budget for seating and shading. Ms. Born asked if the benches that used to be there could be put back. Ms. Kabat said that they were moved to Woodland Park. Ms. Williams presented the Committee with a check to pay for one of the Redi Rock benches at the bottom of the park in honor of her mother. Ms. Williams said that once there is a plan for the seating, she would encourage residents to donate to help pay for the benches. Ms. Born thanked Ms. Williams for the donation. Ms. Gibson suggested that someone reach out to the garden clubs in Perrysburg to see if they would be willing to donate a bench. Ms. Williams said that it is important that the City coordinate it so the benches all match.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Born

Deborah Born, Chairperson
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.