

RECREATION COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Rettig. Committee members present were: Tom Mackin, Jim Matuszak and Rick Rettig. Also present was Service Director Jon Eckel.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Phil Gutkoski, coach of the Perrysburg Rugby team for the last nine years, thanked the City for the use of Orleans Park for their practices. Mr. Gutkoski said that although all of his players are from Perrysburg, the team is not associated with the High School so they cannot use the school fields. He said that they carry liability insurance through USA Rugby, and they submit a certificate of liability insurance with the City named as an additional insured.

APPOINTMENT TO PRAC

Mike Dibling was present to be considered for appointment to PRAC. Mr. Dibling said that he has worked on the fields for PABSC for the last five years but felt it was time to move on. He said that he feels his interest in parks and recreation would make PRAC a good fit for him and provide him the opportunity to give back to the community. The Committee thanked Mr. Dibling for his willingness to serve and agreed 3-0 to recommend that he be appointed to PRAC.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SKATE PARK

Mr. Eckel gave a brief summary of previous discussions regarding a proposed skate park. He said that as seen with the disc golf course at Woodland Park, he believes there is a tremendous need for alternative sports. He introduced John Hawley who has started a Perrysburg skate park website and is leading the citizen efforts to get a skate park in Perrysburg. Mr. Eckel said that he met with American Ramp, and he would like to meet with several other companies as well. Mr. Eckel said that the big question is where this should be located. He said that he would prefer Rotary Park. There was a brief discussion regarding what materials would be used and who would use the skate park. Mr. Hawley said he would like bikes to be included because biking is very popular. However, he acknowledged that bikes are rougher on the equipment. Mr. Mackin suggested that we start with something for skaters, do it well, and not try to do too much. Mr. Rettig thanked Mr. Hawley for his enthusiasm. Mr. Eckel said that he will keep the Committee updated.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rettig, Chairman
Recreation Committee