

Perrysburg City Council

Recreation Committee Report

January 15, 2019

The meeting began at 6:30 P. M. In attendance were Chair Deborah Born, Committee members Jim Matuszak and Jonathan Smith, and City Administrator Bridgette Kabat..

CITIZEN CONCERNS: None presented.

ROTARY PARK PAVILIONS: Phil Bolin, Vice President of the Perrysburg Rotary Club, presented a map of proposed amenities to be placed in Rotary Park. He indicated that it is believed by some to be reserved for Rotary Club members only when it is a public park which anyone can use. He related that these amenities were part of a plan originally presented in 2008 by architect Jeff Normand who is also the creator of the 2018 plan currently in place. Rotary President Alison Frye stated that this new version of the plan will also include bathrooms. She asked the location of the water line which would service the proposed bathrooms. Ms. Frye also mentioned that Perrysburg Rotary is raising the money to pay for the new pavilion so there will be no cost to the tax payers.. Susan Nelson, Vice President of the Rotary Foundation, announced that the Club is hosting a fund raiser on February 2, 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn to raise money for this project. Councilman Smith asked Ms. Kabat to determine the location of the water line and report her findings to the Committee.

Ms. Born stated that she was in favor of this project following which the Committee voted 3-0 to request that a resolution be prepared supporting the construction of a pavilion at Rotary Park.

RIVERSIDE PARK CANNON CARRIAGES: Councilman Matuszak suggested that a fund raiser be held to raise additional money to pay for the proposed new cannon carriages at Riverside Park. Such an event might include a tug of war between the Police and Fire divisions or a 5k race. Chairwoman Born mentioned that two citizens, Jon Orser and Steve Taylor, have expressed an interest in donating to cover some of the cost of the new carriages. Councilman Matuazak requested that the Law Director be consulted as to what legal requirements would dictate the guidelines for the possible fundraiser.

SPLASH PAD: The Committee discussed the proposed splash pad which has been added to the 2019 budget. \$20,000 has been allocated for this purpose. Chairwoman Born stated that PRAC had recommended either Rotary or Rivercreat Park for the splash pad's location. She also commented that people of all ages both individuals and families will enjoy the pad. Councilman Smith and Ms. Kabat suggested that the splash pad could be located where it could use the same water line as the Rotary Park pavilion. Ms. Born then requested that a resolution be prepared expressing support of a splash pad facility to be located at either Rotary or Rivercrest Park. The Committee voted 3-0 to recommend this action to Council..

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Mackin had submitted to the Committee for recommendation to Council the application of Judy Hagen, 10741 Avenue Road for a vacant position on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC). Ms. Born stated that she feels it is inappropriate to appoint a City employee to one of the volunteer citizen boards unless that appointment is mandated by the language in the code or Charter defining the board. She asked that the legality of the action be verified before any action is taken. Ms. Kabat announced that she had already discussed this with the Law Director who stated that in her opinion the appointment would be a conflict of interest and should not be made. Therefore no action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ms. Born reported that she had received a letter from Service Director Jon Eckel that he wishes to continue to service in his position. Ms. Born went on to say that she personally supports his request even though she and Mr. Eckel have from time to time disagreed on various matters because Mr. Eckel's wealth of experience is a great benefit to the City's institutional memory.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 P. M.

Next meeting February 12, 2019 at 6:30. P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Born, Chairwoman