PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Report for regular meeting of January 14, 2020

PRESENT: Chairwoman Deborah Born, Counselors Jonathan Smith and Jan Materni.

Chairwoman Born called the meeting to order at 6:30 P. M. in Council Chambers.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, citizen concerns were requested with none presented. Chairwoman Born congratulated Councilwoman Materni on her election to Council and she said she was looking forward to working with her.

OLD BUSINESS:

Riverside Park Cannon Stands: Chairwoman Born stated that four people have expressed an interest to her in donating the sum of $5,000 each toward the new cannon stands. In addition, since the Committee voted 3-0 at the last Committee meeting on December 10, 2019 to recommend to Council that $25,000 be placed in the 2020 budget toward the cannon stands, she intends to present the recommendation at the next Council meeting.

Inclusive Playground: No action on the inclusive playground has been taken at this Committee since the last meeting.

Splash pad: Chairwoman Born announced that she has contacted the 200th Redhorse Squadron at Camp Perry and is waiting for further information from them,

Tom St. Meyers plaque: The plaque has been completed and donated by Michael Cousino of Cousino Restoration at no cost to the City. Chairwoman Born stated that she intends to present the plaque to the St. Meyers family at the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRAC Appointment: Chairwoman Born invited Tony Wade, a candidate for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to come to the podium. Chairwoman Born commented that she had read that Mr. Wade likes to walk in the park. Mr. Wade responded that he walks in Three Meadow Park four times a week in good weather. Mr. Smith asked why he wanted to be on PRAC. Mr. Wade answered that he has identified some problems with Three Meadows Park which he would like to see addressed. Ms. Materni asked what these problems were. Mr. Wade replied that some of these have already been addressed by Council or this Committee. Ms. Materni commented that by asking this question she was attempting to find out if Mr. Wade goes to the park so he can see how things can be made better. Mr. Wade agreed with this Ms. Born then made the motion to recommend that Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Wade to PRAC. Motion approved 3-0. She informed Mr. Wade the next PRAC meeting will be in April in Council chambers.

PRAC REPORT: No report because PRAC has not met since November 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ryan Wichman had arrived at the meeting and Chairwoman Born asked him for an update on the Inclusive Playground at Rotary Park. Mr. Wichman thanked Council for passing a Resolution of Support for his project at the last Council meeting and then presented an update. He announced that a fundraiser had been held which raised about $25,000. Chairwoman Born asked if Mr, Wichman's group had met with either the Planning Commission or the Planning and Zoning Committee of Council. Mr. Wichman answered that he had attended the last Planning Commission meeting before the

holidays to brief them on the project. Mr. Smith apologized for missing the fund raiser due to being out of town; Mr. Wichman responded that the group will be hosting other events, such as a trivia night, in the future. Ms. Materni asked if she could find out what the layout of the park will be and Mr. Wichman gave her a map. Chairwoman Born invited Mr. Wichman to return to the Committee at any time he has further information about the park and she thanked him for his work to date.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 P. M.
Next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2020 at 6:30 P. M.

Report prepared by

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