

Minutes of Perrysburg Recreation Committee

Meeting Held November 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Jonathan Smith.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Jonathan Smith, Barry VanHoozen, and Cory Kuhlman. Also present were Rob Ross, Director of Public Service, and Amber Rathburn, Director of Finance.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 10/10/2023 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting were approved 3-0.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN KIRBY TO FILL A VACANCY ON PRAC

Brian Kirby has applied to serve on PRAC, the Citizen's Park and Recreation Advisory Committee. Mr. Smith said that he appreciates that Mr. Kirby applied and asked about his interest in PRAC. Mr. Kirby has three children and uses the parks often with them, so he would like to know more about the parks and become involved. There being no objections, the Committee is recommending 3-0 for Mr. Kirby to fill a vacancy on PRAC.

RIVERCREST PARK SUN SHADES

This is for a purchase agreement with Gametime for eight sunshades, which will be installed over the bleachers at Rivercrest Park. The cost is \$58,365.00. Mr. Ross explained that this is something that PRAC asked for and that his department will install. Mr. VanHoozen asked if they will be permanent and what the life expectancy is. Mr. Ross responded that these can be left up year round and have a ten to fifteen year life expectancy. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

REC BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Ross reviewed the 2024 recreation budget. He explained that Rec Desk helped to cut hours for the rec program, but they are requesting two additional summer help employees to keep up with the demand in programs and an increase in attendance. Mr. Smith requested that PRAC members receive a copy of the summer rec program presentation that Charles Brigode had presented to Recreation Committee.

Mr. Kuhlman requested that Mr. Ross gather explanations for the increase in services

and costs over the last several years. Mr. Smith is pushing for more safe pedestrian walkways, which will include discussion in Recreation and Safety Committees. Mr. VanHoozen noted that they have received a grant to identify those crosswalks that need to be prioritized in the City. Mr. Kuhlman is glad Safety Committee is having those conversations.

Mr. VanHoozen stated that Hood Park was a budgeted item for 2023, nothing progressed, and it is not being carried into 2024. Mr. Kuhlman added that he would like to address the placeholders on the budget and praised the department heads for eliminating those placeholders for the most part. Mr. Smith's hope is that money is put aside for the parks, so they can add to the parks as the City grows. Mr. Kuhlman would like to see a reserve of funds built for park maintenance. Mr. Smith asked if there is anything set aside for additional funding for Orleans Park and the masterplan. Mr. Ross responded that there is not additional funding set aside at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Smith, Chairperson
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.