

Minutes of Perrysburg Recreation Committee

Meeting Held March 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Rick Rettig.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Rick Rettig and Kerry Wellstein. Committee member Barry VanHoozen was not present. Also present were Joe Fawcett, City Administrator, and Rob Ross, Director of Public Service.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF 11/7/23 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the November 7, 2023 meeting were approved 2-0.

ROB ROSS TO PROVIDE UPDATE FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR CHARLES BRIGODE

Mr. Ross gave some highlights from last year, including a record 79 programs, the family picnic, 4,021 registrations, and 19 of their 21 employees returning from the year prior. For 2024 the Schaller Memorial will be utilized several days a week. They will add two additional staff members, as they anticipate a big year again. Mr. Ross stated that they would eliminate the free programs, but most of them will be around \$5.00.

Mr. Ross highlighted some capital improvement projects including a new John Deere mower, new sunshades at Municipal, new sunshades at Riverside, new parking lot at Bicentennial, resurfacing the basketball courts at Municipal, and replacing the restroom fixtures at Rivercrest. He stated that the Rec Program will be live on the City's website on March 15th. April 1st is when residents can begin registration. April 15th is when non-city residents can begin registration. They are aiming to host the Fishing Derby on June 1st.

Ms. Wellstein asked how much money the Rec Program brought in last year. Mr. Ross responded that the revenue was \$37,340.00 from programs. Ms. Wellstein asked about the mischief happening at the basketball courts at Municipal last year. Mr. Ross responded that Chief Jones is aware and they believe that it was an isolated case. Ms. Wellstein stated that she is impressed with the retention rate of the employees. Mr. Ross commended Charles Brigode and Joshua Roach.

Ms. Wellstein asked how much they pay per hour. Mr. Ross responded that they pay \$15.00 an hour, which has been increased over time from \$10.00 an hour in 2019. Mr. Rettig asked if non-city residents pay the same amount. Mr. Ross responded that they do pay the same, but city residents get access first. Mr. Rettig said he is excited to hear about this and knows it will be another great summer. Mr. Ross will give monthly updates.

OTHER BUSINESS

Judy Hagen, President of the Citizen's Park and Recreation Advisory Committee, shared some highlights from last week's PRAC meeting. Ms. Hagen stated that it was a brainstorming session about what the members would like to see in the parks, including amenities, programs, and things. They made the decision to spend their \$5,000.00 on two picnic tables down at Riverside Park. Ms. Hagen will assist Marie Dunn in updating the website with a grid that shows each park and what amenities it has. She wants to help create a resource for toddlers all the way up to seniors for anything recreation related, which would be on the website as well.

Ms. Wellstein stated that she is excited that there is a way for people to reach out more in the community and thinks it is an amazing idea. Ms. Hagen asked that if anyone knows of any special interest or hobby groups, to let her know, so they could keep the City website up to date. She sees this as a PRAC facilitation and something that would be on their yearly agenda, to be sure the information is not outdated. Mr. Rettig added that Brody Walters gave him more information regarding the opportunities for the park in McKinley Woods, which they can brainstorm at the next PRAC meeting.

Ms. Hagen noted two things that need to be addressed: signage to say that dogs are not allowed on the playgrounds and the curfew at the parks that have lights on courts. Mr. Ross responded that they have signage about dogs at Rotary and will add them to the other parks. Mr. Rettig responded that there are signs already up that address the parks being open dawn to dusk, but also list the exceptions, which included the lit courts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rettig, Chairperson
Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m