

Minutes of Perrysburg Recreation Committee

Meeting Held March 11, 2025

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. Barry VanHoozen was absent. Staff members present were Joe Fawcett, City Administrator, and Rob Ross, Director of Public Service. Also, present were Jeff Abke, Director of Development & Alumni Relations for Perrysburg Schools and Charles Brigode, Recreation Director.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the February 11, 2025 meeting were approved 2-0.

AL RAVA STATUE AT MUNICIPAL PARK

Mr. Abke spoke to the Committee about having a statue of the former tennis coach, Al Rava, installed in Municipal Park. Mr. Abke said that the funds for the statue have been raised and that the proposed statute has been designed to be very strong and will last for a long time. He said they have kept the family informed throughout the process, and they are looking forward to having a statute. There is no legislation at this time, but the Committee members expressed their strong support for this project.

ANNUAL GREAT AMERICAN PARK CLEANUP

Mr. Ross spoke to the Committee about the Annual Park Cleanup and shared the official dates and times: **Orleans Park** will take place on April 13, 2025, from 1:00pm-3:00pm. **Three Meadows Park** will take place on April 12, 2025, from 9:00am-11:00am.

SUMMER 2025 RECREATION PROGRAM REPORT

Mr. Brigode spoke to the Committee about the 2025 Rec. Center season. He talked about the many sports and activities that they are offering, like a Skateboarding Camp, Tee-Ball, Tennis, and Arts and Crafts. Mr. Brigode spoke about a big change from last year's season; the Rec. Program will be asking for t-shirt sizes at sign-up so they only order the sizes they need instead of buying sizes they don't need. By doing this the program will be able to save money and reduce waste. Sign up for summer Rec. Programs opens April 1st for residents of Perrysburg and the sign-up date for non-residents opens April 15th.

JOHN DEERE FIELD RAKE FOR THE BALLFIELDS

Mr. Ross thanked Mr. Brigode for all the hard work he does with the Rec. Program. Mr. Ross then explained to the Committee that the current field raking vehicle they have is over 20 years old and no longer able to withstand any more repairs. Municipal Park uses this rake every day on the ballfields. Mr. Ross had requests at the end of last year for a replacement. He said the department budgeted \$20,000 for this replacement and the vehicle they wish to purchase is under budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rettig, Chairperson
Recreation Committee

Next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.