

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY May 22, 2013

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM 7:30 P.M.

A G E N D A

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- VI. LOBBY
- VII. REPORTS
 - A. COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT
 - B. SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT
 - C. FINANCIAL REPORT
 - D. DIRECTORS REPORT
 - E. PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT
 - F. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
- X. ADJOURNMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: April 24, 2013

The meeting was called to order at the N. Ridgeville Senior Center by Chairman Milner at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Brett Milner, Vice Chairman Cathy Ebenschweller, Kelly McCarthy, Dennis Boose, and Director Kevin Fougrousse

Absent: Mike Gill, unexcused

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Member McCarthy added charter review to old business. Director Fougrousse added the Historical Society Murals to old business, and master plan to new business.

Motion by Boose, 2nd by McCarthy

Yes, 4 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boose, 2nd by Ebenschweller

Yes, 4 No, 0

LOBBY: Al Willoughby, Historical Society member and Friends of the Park supporter summarized his efforts, suggestions, research reports etc on his quest to have the murals depicting the history of North Ridgeville displayed at South Central Park and once again asking this request be granted. He further noted that the Historical Society accepts the burden of risk pertaining to vandalism, and they also agreed that the display could be temporary and suggested the months of June – November.

Betty Lou Palmer, President of Arts Council stated they had met with the Historical Society and votes in favor of having the murals displayed in the park.

Tori McConneaughey, reporting for Friends of the Park, are also in favor of the murals being displayed at South Central Park. She also reported on FOP activities, the Living Green Education series was well attended, the Habitat for Humanity collection drive is Pride Day May 18 at City Hall and Dog Fest is June 23 at South Central Park.

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: The Master Plan will be presented to Council 1½ hour before regular Council meeting of May 20 in order to answer members questions.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: The school board passed the redistricting of the elementary grades 2 – 5. Grades 2 & 3 will be together in Liberty and grades 4 & 5 will be in Wilcox. Issue 13 on the May 7 ballot is a renewal, no new taxes, been in place in this city for 30 years.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Unencumbered Improvement Fund balance is \$174,000.00 and to date have taken in \$11,843.64 in building permits.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Once again were awarded the Community Development Block Grant and will be remodeling main concession stand restrooms at South Central Park making them ADA compliant and adding a family changing room. Work is set to start in September.

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DIRECTORS REPORT cont'd:

Have started a youth fee assistance program and thanks to the N R Kiwanis, they will help fund registration fee's in hardship cases. Look forward to working with this service club. Chairman Milner inquired on how many hardship cases were expected. Director Fougrousse said the numbers are unknown since this was never offered but noted Parks & Recreation has had families inquire. Member Boose also thanked Kiwanis. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller asked if they would also fund NRSL registrations or just Parks & Rec. Director Fougrousse stated only Parks and Recreation programs.

Independence Day celebrations and fireworks will be held at South Central Park once again. This could not have been accomplished without the additional space offered by the Thibo family. Met with the American Fireworks Company and they assured us it would work to set off the large fireworks farther back on the Thibo property. Independence Day will be celebrated July 3rd with our Party in the Park, a Jimmy Buffet style band, and fireworks. If rained out, fireworks only will take place on July 5th. Ebenschweller and Boose both noted they were glad its back at South Central Park.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: Director Fougrousse reported for Frank Vacha Summer Camp registration starts May 1, very popular program and sells out. Flyers went to the schools yesterday. Cuckoo Loco Yoga is for children ages 4 – 10. This yoga class promotes health and fitness for our youth. PIYO is a new high impact adult class combining pilates and yoga.

Member Boose inquired of baseball registration numbers. Director reported approximately 57 teams of about 700 kids and 43 sponsors.

Dennis Tenney inquired of date and time for the upcoming fishing derby. Director Fougrousse replied May 18 9 am – noon.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT: Director Fougrousse reported the maintenance staff has completed applying the diamond pro and were able to do all 13 diamonds. Chairman Milner asked when first games were. Director Fougrousse replied May 20th.

OLD BUSINESS: Member McCarthy inquired if anyone had looked at the Charter Review and asked if a work session was needed for any changes. Director Fougrousse suggested everyone look it over and email any concerns to him and then decide if a meeting is needed. Chairman Milner said to turn in any concerns by end of April. Member McCarthy shared her concern regarding term period of 6 consecutive years giving example of: if someone replaces and serves last two years of that term and then is reappointed to six years they actually serve 8 years. Director Fougrousse will ask for clarification from legal dept.

Chairman Milner called for a vote on the murals asking if there was any other discussion. Member McCarthy stated she likes the picture rendition depicting what the murals would look like on the cabin walls. She also likes the short term period of displaying them. Member Boose thanked Mr. Willoughby for all his work in addressing the issues brought up on the murals and reiterated concerns of them being outside and open to weather and vandalism. Noted Frankenmuth recently took down a similar display for refurbishing and potentially replacing theirs with something else. He also visited Columbia Station and took pictures of the damage to their outdoor display due to weather. Welcomes temporary display of 3 – 4 days during Independence Days or Corn Festival but would prefer an indoor area to preserve original art. Chairman Milner showed his hand out of the photo shop computer rendition of how the murals would look on the cabin walls. He thought they were overwhelming and also is concerned with vandalism. A smaller display, perhaps pictures of the murals, placed all on one wall under the pavilion for weather protection could be considered in the future.

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OLD BUSINESS cont'd:

Motion by Boose, 2nd by Milner to **not** display the Historical Society murals on the Community Cabin walls.

Yes, 3 No, 1 (McCarthy)

NEW BUSINESS: Director Fougrousse noted Bradstetter Carroll will present the master plan to Council on May 20th.

Motion by Boose, 2nd by McCarthy to recommend Council approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Yes, 4 No, 0

Member Boose noted Council person Butkowski cannot attend the May meeting and requested a copy of the master plan to look over and will contact Board members with any questions. He noted they had worked on this project for 8 – 9 months with a lot of resident feedback and thanked everyone for their participation.

Member Boose also noted the Baseball Boosters had submitted their annual financial report and reminded everyone that per city ordinance, all raised funds go back into the complex and that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised by this organization.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm