

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY April 24, 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: March 27, 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, Mike Gill, and Director Kevin Fougrousse

Absent: none

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Vice Chairman Ebenschweller added the Historical Society Murals to old business. Member McCarthy added charter review to new business.

Motion by Boose, 2nd by McCarthy

Yes, 5 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Milner questioned last months Council Liaison report, second sentence, spelling of third item of trust fund projects listed. Director Fougrousse noted it should read Diamond pro not turf clay.

Motion by Boose, 2nd by Ebenschweller

Yes, 5 No, 0

LOBBY: None

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: No action since last meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: Spring Break is 3/29 – 4/8. Asked for support of a renewal levy on May ballot for 1.7 million.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Unencumbered Improvement Fund balance is \$169,869.64

DIRECTORS REPORT: None

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT: Program updates included continuing baseball / softball registration, noting numbers are down for us as well as Hot Stove and surrounding communities. Adult programs running include continuing Dr Ruocco health series, golf lessons, wineglass decorating, mens basketball and more. Member Gill inquired which surrounding cities were also reporting low numbers. Frank Vacha reported Sheffield, Avon Lake, Amherst, Elyria, Olmsted Falls and North Olmsted. Member Gill suggested reaching out to Columbia and Berea. Member Boose asked if any changes had been made to registration cost. Frank Vacha reported no changes had been made and in fact we are advertising more using mass emails and facebook as well as the traditional school flyers. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller inquired of girls softball numbers. Frank Vacha noted the older kids typically sign up late, after school ball is completed and is holding registration open longer for them. He also reported Majors has one team, Minors and Ponytail have three teams each. He also noted sponsorships are down too. Member Gill asked for the fee breakdown of which Frank reported Tots tball is \$30.00, T-ball is \$45.00 and the rest of league is \$55.00 by deadline and \$10.00 late fee incurred after that.

GROUPS MAINTENANCE REPORT: None

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OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Milner asked for final discussion and vote on the Historical Society murals. Member Boose suggested tabling until next month due to the fact that Historical Society member Al Willoughby tonight handed out paperwork for board members to review on this subject. Al Willoughby gave an overview of the handout and stressed how he did not think vandalism would be an issue based on his research. The Historical Society also pledged to cover costs if vandalism did indeed happen, so it is at no cost risk to city. Member McCarthy views these murals as a profound gift on loan showing community pride but is hesitant to have them outside since they are original works of art. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller agreed with their historical value to the community but also was concerned with an outdoor display. Discussion followed with other suggestions being made on how and where to showcase these murals, the concern of vandalism and outdoor elements to the murals, the problematic size, using it as a traveling display for Corn Festival weekend and other major events, etc. . Question was raised on what the Societys original permanent plan for these murals were in the long run. Chairman Milner tabled vote until April meeting giving members time to review the handout. Member Boose expressed to Al Willoughby that if he was going to have anymore information to share, the Board would need it two weeks prior to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Member McCarthy questioned an email received from Mayors office regarding the Charter Review about the number of consecutive years when replacing someone who has left. Member Boose noted a discussion meeting would be held before any change recommendations are made.

Member Boose noted Baseball / Softball Booster President Dennis Tenney's presence. He further acknowledged what a great program it is and listed some of the many improvements made to the Shady Drive Complex due to their fund raising efforts. Program Supervisor Frank Vacha noted other communities struggle to find somewhere to play ball and how fortunate North Ridgeville is to have this complex. Member Boose is excited about its great future with more improvements included in the new Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm