

Parks & Recreation Commission
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: FEBRUARY 26, 2025



The Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Jill Timoteo at 7:30p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Georgia Awig, Jeff Grigsby, Keriann Roach, and Jill Timoteo

Excused Absence: Kevin Fougrousse

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Awig, 2nd by Roach for approval of Agenda.

4 – Yes, 0 – No

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Board Member Keriann Roach nominated Jill Timoteo for Chairman, with a 2nd by Awig.

***A vote was not taken. A vote will be required.**

Vice Chairman was not appointed. Discussion was had between commission members whether or not school board or council liaisons can serve as vice chairman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on January 22, 2025 meeting.

Motion by Grigsby, 2nd by Awig for approval of minutes from the commission meeting on January 22, 2025.

4–Yes, 0–No

LOBBY:

None

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT:

Councilwoman Georgia Awig last night was the State of North Ridgeville. The city has a new website. More roundabouts are coming with the next one going in at Route 83 and Chestnut. Then potentially doing one at Bender and Sugar Ridge. Working on Police Station renovations for several departments to move in. Some traffic surveys have been done at Lear and Lorain because of the traffic bottleneck.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT:

Jeff Grigsby reported that one of the sad things is our HS principal is retiring. He has 50 years in education. Breaking ground for transportation and maintenance building will be April 1st.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Recreation Services Administrator Matthew Murphy reported for Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse. Trust Fund revenue in January was \$46,202.32. Trust Fund unencumbered balance through January was \$227,137.02. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund revenue in January was \$2,679.80. The Park and Recreation Improvement Fund unencumbered balance through January is \$207,451.82. Trust Fund expenses in January were \$19,292.95. Our General Fund expenses in January were \$50,073.82.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Recreation Services Administrator Matthew Murphy reported for Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Fougousse. With the passage of the 2025 fiscal year budget the Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce our capital projects and capital equipment purchases for 2025 (detailed list in the commission packet). We hired Rafter A. LTD. To perform professional services related to the bridge at Frontier Park. Those services are site topographic survey, geotechnical engineering and then putting together the plan set for the project. Lastly, the South Central Park Playground broke ground. Snider Recreation began demo of the old playground the week of February 17. Demo will take 3-5 days. Then installation will be 20 days and finally 2-3 days to install the EWF (engineered wood fiber). All the timelines are weather dependent.

RECREATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Baseball Hitting Clinic with Mike Byrne runs March 2-March 23, we have 27 pre-registered currently. Our Jr. Browns Flag Football Program for kids in grades K- & 1st & 2nd Grade has 69 pre-registered. The kids play 6 weeks and we partner with North Olmsted and Fairview Park Recreation. Jr. Browns Flag Football Program for kids in grades 3rd & 4th has 41 pre-registered and our 5th & 6th grade league has 19 pre-registered. Gridiron Girls Flag Football runs April-June and at the time of this report we had 28 girls registered from 1st-6th grade. Little Rangers Instructional Basketball is open to boys & girls in Pre-K-2nd. At this time of this report we had 38 pre-registered. Daddy Daughter Dance is being held on February 28 and we have 150 couples. AHA CPR/Basic Life Support class is on March 1st and we have 19 enrolled. An intergenerational Spring Planting Celebration will be held on March 21 from 10:30a.m.-Noon and we currently have 01 pre-registered. Spinning on Wednesdays has 05 pre-registered. Restorative Sound Bath Session II runs March 4-April 15 and we have 05 pre-registered currently.

GROUND'S MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Brian Smith reported that they are looking to clean up all of the ball fields and South Central Park. We would like to do some re-grading of South Central Park and removing some of the problem areas. Also looking into cleaning up the overflow lot at Shady Drive Complex.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM