

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY Oct 24, 2012

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

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING: Sept 26, 2012

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, Dennis Boose, Kelly McCarthy, and Director Kevin Fougrousse

Absent: Mike Gill (excused)

FINALIZATION OF AGENDA:

Motion by McCarthy, 2nd by Ebenschweller

Yes, 4 No, 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boose, 2nd by Ebenschweller

Yes, 4 No, 0

LOBBY: none

REPORTS:

COUNCIL LIAISONS REPORT: Approved expenditures for sidewalk repairs, tree trimming and stump removal.

SCHOOL BOARD LIAISONS REPORT: Year is underway with increased enrollment by 150. Class expansion due to teacher cuts and budget cuts over last three years. Gearing up for the November levy passage.

Homecoming activities include Thursdays Volley for the cure, where the volleyball teams compete and proceeds are donated to the Susan G Komen for the cure organization. Friday is the Homecoming football game and the crowning of Homecoming King and Queen, as well as collecting non perishable food items for Community Care and competing against Midview to collect the most food donations. Friday the Senior Center is also holding a spaghetti dinner. Saturday is the Homecoming Dance. Sunday is the "We Care for Community Care" fund raiser at the American Legion Hall.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Unencumbered Improvement Fund balance is \$172,635.03. Member Boose inquired of amount owed for share of walkway path if Grant is awarded. Director Fougrousse reported approximately \$130,000.00 would need to be paid out of the Improvement Fund for that project.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Researching smoking restrictions and exploring how to curb smoking at public parks. Found Oberlin has an ordinance in place, as does N Royalton who is studying how to police it better. Vice Chairman Ebenschweller inquired of any input shared regarding signs asking for friendly language to be used to encourage smokers to move to another area or stop. Director Fougrousse noted the other cities post signs and stressed that he doesn't want to kick out smokers, just move them to an area far away. Member Boose asked if City Council was needed. Director Fougrousse stated he had spoke to Administration and no action was required at this time.

Shady Drive Complex will now have open access until dusk. With the cooperation of the Police Department, starting this past Monday, Grounds Maint. Staff will open the grounds weekdays. The Police Department will open the grounds on weekends and close them everyday while making their rounds. Director Fougrousse commended the Police Department for their cooperation.

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DIRECTORS REPORT cont'd:

Vice Chairman Ebenschweller commented that we need to let the residents know and was happy with decision. She also inquired if restrooms would be open. Director Fougrousse noted all restrooms are on timers now. Chairman Milner asked if hours were posted on a sign. Director answered yes but hours change with the seasons. Member Boose asked that it be posted on the website. Dennis Tenney inquired if there would be any policies on weather permitting, giving an example of today where it rained all day and everything is wet. Member Boose noted that was a good idea and perhaps signs could be posted listing some common sense rules. Brief discussion followed regarding that idea, and property damage if rules aren't followed, vandalism from park being left open. Director Fougrousse asked that we try this and see how it works.

PROGRAM SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Annual Fall Festival is Saturday Oct 13 at South Central Park. Lions Club is operating their haunted forest walk known as Spookville on Friday Oct 12 and Saturday Oct 13 from 6 – 9 pm.
Tots Trick or Treat thru City Hall will be Friday Oct 26 at 1 pm for ages up to 5.

Basketball registration is in full swing. Partnered with Avon again for the Junior Rangers basketball program serving grades 3 – 6. Offering an instruction program for grades 1 & 2 and a Rec League for grades 7 – 12. The Rec League is run like an adult program where the kids select a team captain are in charge of their own team, no adult coaches.

Other programs being offered for the fall and winter are Music in Motion – a mommy and me class for 2 – 4 year olds, free health seminars by Dr Bryan Ruocco, Zentangle – repetitive line art drawing, Wine Tasting, Earrings for the Holidays, Rockin Cupcakes, and College 101 which helps parents research colleges, grants, scholarships etc. Member Boose commented on the great variety of offered programs.

GROUND'S MAINTENANCE REPORT: Dennis Tenney reported that the South Central Park camera installation trenching has started.

OLD BUSINESS: Member Boose reported on current legislation consideration regarding bow hunting deer in North Ridgeville with restrictions requiring minimum of 5 acres, 8' high tree stand/perch, hunting license, cannot be in close proximity to parks, schools, houses etc. Third reading will be at October meeting. Invited anyone interested in voicing opinion to attend meeting. Chairman Milner asked if license required would include any bow classes. Frank Vacha inquired if legislation would include any distance to a Park like Shady Drive which has open land surrounding it. Member Boose noted Police will determine and monitor as a priority and can revoke areas of misuse. They will mimic ODNR standards.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm