



WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Tuesday, May 20, 2014 Meeting

Members Present - The members present were Dan Armitage, Laura Ball, Bob Burpee, Peter Calamari, Zoe Gregory-Tims, David Kessler, Michelle Miller and Darren Hurley, Director of Parks & Recreation.

The minutes from the April 15, 2014 meeting were approved.

Bike and Pedestrian Planning Update – Mr. Hurley gave an overview of the process that has taken place so far in developing a more bike and pedestrian friendly community. The Bike and Pedestrian Steering Committee has been meeting since September 2013 developing recommendations for City Council regarding Bike and Pedestrian initiatives. The Committee has been engaging the community by attending events and asking for feedback. Recommendations are being drafted and will be presented to Council in the fall. Rob Wendling is serving as a representative for the Parks and Recreation Commission on the Committee.

Bike and Pedestrian Input – A map of the City of Worthington was presented to the Commission members so that they could mark where they felt improvements could be made to benefit bikers and pedestrians. The commission members made many suggestions and marks on the map which will be shared with the Bike and Pedestrian Committee. The Committee will take these recommendations into consideration during their process.

Other – The parks rules and regulations that were recommended to Council by the Commission at the April meeting were approved by Council on May 9, 2014 with only a minor edit.

The trail connecting the Olentangy Multi-Use Trail to the Shops at Worthington Place is finished. Contractors are still installing landscaping and other loose ends. The path is open with everything expected to be complete by the end of June 2014.

The Griswold is celebrating their 20th anniversary. Staff is planning a special event to recognize the occasion and Parks and Recreation Commission Members will be receiving an invitation to attend.

Sunday Concerts on the Green have begun.

Summer in the 614 is a new event scheduled for Saturday June 14th from 4-8 p.m. on the Village Green. There will be many vendors, music, entertainment, and family fun.

Mrs. Miller commented that her neighbor has seen an owl in the Parklands behind her home.

Being no further business, the motion for the meeting to adjourn was granted.