



## **WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

### **Minutes of the Tuesday, July 15, 2014 Meeting**

**Members Present** - The members present were Dan Armitage, Peter Calamari, Zoe Gregory-Tims, Michelle Miller, and Darren Hurley, Director of Parks & Recreation.

The minutes from the June 17, 2014 meeting were approved.

**Master Planning Strategy** – Mr. Hurley reiterated the importance of having a working document that guides decisions made by the Parks and Recreation Department. He briefly reviewed the current Vision 2020 document, then encouraged brainstorming asking for the most important desired outcome of an updated document. The outcome would be based on obtaining citizen feedback, prioritizing park improvements, and identifying trends in parks and recreation. The department is currently working on standards which will also help guide the process. In September, we will begin forming a process to develop a plan.

**Bike and Pedestrian Planning Priorities** – Mr. Hurley presented the draft document of the Bike and Pedestrian Committee Project Goals. The option of providing feedback on the priorities of the projects was given to commission members. They may review and provide comments directly to Darren or Rob Wendling, their representative on the committee.

**Community Center Roof Update** – After requesting bids a second time, four bids were opened for the Community Center Roof Replacement and Nation's Roof was awarded the project at an estimated cost of \$1, 317,700. Contracts are in the process of being signed and work is planned to begin in August.

**Other** – A Fitness floor HVAC coil went bad, therefore it has been difficult to maintain the desired temperature of 69-72 degrees on the fitness floor. Portable cooling machines are currently being used to maintain temperatures while a replacement coil is secured. In addition, an on-going study of the Community Center's HVAC systems is underway.

No August meeting to mirror City Council's annual recess.

Mrs. Miller commented that there has been some confusion on the disc golf course at the Flats area. Some increased signage would be helpful. Mr. Hurley will pass along to school personnel.

Also, skate park behavior has proven to be destructive leaving broken glass and increased smoking and inappropriate language. Mr. Hurley recommended rather than increasing police presence it would be better to increase community advocates presence and trash pick-up. Mr. Hurley will pass along to contacts.

She also mentioned that she has noticed a trail camera on the Olentangy Trail and questioned its intent. Mr. Hurley was unaware of it and agreed to investigate it right away.

Mr. Armitage questioned the concrete stain on the All Children's Playground. Mr. Hurley said contractors have been attempting to stain the concrete but due to recent rain, the stain will need to be touched up. The goal of staining the concrete was to blend it more with the colors of the building.

Mr. Armitage also requested that a net line be painted on the tennis backboard at Wilson Hill Park.

Mr. Armitage also questioned whether a formal letter should be submitted to Council on behalf of the Commission regarding the UMCH Property. He feels as if the community and WARD are counting on the Commission to take a formal position on the issue of land zoning. Mrs. Miller agreed to write a letter stating the Commission's position and sending it via email to all the members. A formal motion stating the following was also passed, 4-0.

*The Parks and Recreation Commission urges City Council to consider every opportunity available to maximize the amount of UMCH property designated as park space for the community. A member designated by the Commission is drafting a letter outlining the discussion and ideas of the Commission throughout this process to be presented to Council.*

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