



WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Tuesday, July 21, 2015 Meeting

Members Present - The members present were Dan Armitage, Laura Ball, Ethan Black, Bob Burpee, Peter Calamari, Dave Kessler, Michelle Miller, Rob Wendling, and Darren Hurley, Director of Parks & Recreation.

The minutes from the June 16, 2015 meeting were approved.

Review of Resident Survey Results – Mr. Hurley passed around a document and reviewed the results of the recent resident survey regarding parks. He shared that 273 respondents had completed the survey, that the respondents seemed to be spread out amongst the various parks in terms of parks they frequent most indicating a good representation from the community, and there didn't seem to be a special interest driver since many general park amenities were commented on and not just a dog park or sports field, for example. Mrs. Miller commented that one resident had commented to her that the signs didn't clearly state it was a survey. She was pleased that most of the people who took the survey were residents. Mr. Kessler commented that from his recollection the results seemed to follow fairly closely to the original survey but that staff comparing those would be a good way to validate the responses now to see if there had been a major shift or discrepancy between the two. Mr. Hurley indicated staff would do that analysis and share it with the Commission members. The Commission members agreed the results were helpful pending the comparison with the Vision 2020 survey as Mr. Kessler had suggested.

Review Park Improvement Brainstorm List & Prioritization of Park Improvements– Mr. Hurley presented an extensive collaborated list of all the brainstorm ideas given for the parks. He opened the discussion for ideas on how to move forward with prioritizing the items and beginning to put them into a planning document. The conversation lead to grouping the items by priority in categories as being the best way to present this information. Since there is no meeting in August, Mr. Hurley will send an email containing a survey so that members can individually prioritize the items. The prioritization opinions will be gathered and presented at the September meeting for further discussion and prioritization.

Other – Mrs. Miller inquired about mosquito fogging. Mr. Hurley indicated the City will be notifying residents in a variety of ways. Mr. Wendling added that Franklin County is the agency that coordinates the spraying.

Mr. Armitage has been unable to visit the new Delaware boat access due to heavy rain. He commented that our boat access on the Olentangy River needs work.

Mrs. Ball asked for an update/direction on how to address UMCH questions in the community. Mr. Hurley indicated that at this point no plans have been formally submitted to the City, and as a result City Council had not asked for the Parks and Recreation Commission's input on greenspace in a proposed development. Once something is submitted, it is likely the Commission will be asked to review and provide feedback to Council.

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