



WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Tuesday January 15th, 2013 Meeting

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

The minutes for the December 18th, 2012 meeting were approved.

Swearing in of New and Re-Appointed Members – Dave Kessler asked Peter Calamari, Laura Ball, and Rob Wendling to stand, with their right hand raised and read the Oath of Office to them. Mr. Calamari, Mrs. Ball, and Mr. Wendling repeated and signed the statement.

Organizational Meeting – Mr. Hurley requested nominations for new officers. Mr. Kessler nominated Laura Ball and Rob Wendling. Mr. Burpee nominated Mr. Wendling for Chair and Mrs. Ball for Vice Chair. Mr. Armitage seconded the nomination of Mr. Burpee. The Commission voted and passed the motion. The 2013 Parks and Recreation Commission Officers are Mr. Rob Wendling, Chair and Mrs. Laura Ball, Vice Chair.

2013 Capital Improvement Program Overview – Mr. Hurley presented a document summarizing the 2013 CIP Projects. Each project was briefly explained. Mr. Burpee questioned the amount budgeted for the playground, if it included in house costs. Mr. Hurley replied that the minimal expected costs could be absorbed. Mr. Burpee also questioned how long it would take to recover the cost savings of replacing the pool chemical controllers and filtration system. Mr. Hurley predicts about four to five years.

2013 Commission Goal-Setting/Initiatives – Mr. Hurley requested some priorities from the members as to what projects they would like to accomplish this year. He shared that Council has requested pursuit and recommendations of a bike/pedestrian plans/concept with recommendations for the city.

Other ideas were a renovation update to McCord Park including amenities and a redesign. Mr. Kessler would like to discuss shade options as well for the park. Vision 20/20 topic was revisited and Mr. Kessler pointed out that the survey results could assist with pedestrian/bike trails. It was recommended that this topic should stay on the agenda.

The All Children's Playground will be in need of some recommendations when the time comes. The River Access/Water Trail will also be a goal to complete this coming year. Mr. Wendling would like to accomplish the burial of the sewer line with Columbus to extend the water trail at some point.

Commission Meeting Time – Opinions of changing the Commission meeting time were discussed. The request was to change the meeting time from 7:30pm to 6:00pm. The motion was approved to change the meeting time to 6:00pm. Notifications will be sent out to inform the public and the change will be made on the website. Due to the Presidential holiday the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20th at 6:00pm.

Other – It was brought up that the lights at Indianola and Wilson Hill Park seem to be on frequently when no one is using the tennis courts. Parks Crew is assessing altering the timers on the lights.

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