



MINUTES
REYNOLDSBURG PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
February 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

1. Meeting called to order by Towns at 5:15pm
2. Roll Taken
 - a. Towns, Seryak, French present
 - b. Phillips, Chambers absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Commission - Meeting - January 9, 2024

1. Motion to Approve
 - a. Seryak
 - b. French
2. All approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. No Public Present

REPORTS

Programs & Events

1. Spring sports registration has closed
 1. Spring soccer 426
 2. Spring baseball 106
 3. Spring softball 13
 4. Superhero Soccer 20
2. Adult programs have been well-received
 1. Adult Euchre league—full at 20
 2. Adult Bingo Night—full at 30
 3. Paint and Sip—20 of the 25 spots filled
 4. Adult Corn hole league 10 of the 18 teams filled
3. Easter Bunny Breakfast will be on March 16 at the Senior Center—pre-registration is required

1. The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Reynoldsburg Lions will be on March 30 at 11am at the Senior Center
4. Mayor's State of the City is on Thursday, February 15 at City Hall doors open at 6:30pm; presentation begins at 7pm
5. Seed Swap is March 9 at the Livingston House; partnership with Reynoldsburg Plant Library 11am-2pm
6. Community Clean-Up Day is April 27 9am-12pm
7. City is planning for the 250th birthday of the USA—collaborating with Daughters of the American Revolution

Parks Update

1. Bid opening for Brice Park was held on Friday, February 9.
 1. 2 bids were received
 2. Columbus Recreation and Parks to review
 3. Customary to go with lowest and best bid; base bid is \$1,745,413
2. Blacklick Creek Stream Restoration
 1. Almost completed; planting need to take place; most of the creek work is completed—rock vanes have been installed; path realigned; bank stabilized
3. Livingston House to receive new playground equipment
4. Invasive species, mainly honeysuckle being removed from Rodebaugh Rd Park
 1. Signage will be placed informing the public that invasive plants are being removed and will be replanted with native plants
5. Interviews will start soon for the Horticulturalist Assistant position; received 20 applications; Civil Service reviewing applications
6. Planning is progressing on the new Parks Maintenance and Public Service Facility
 1. Tree survey completed
 2. Boring has begun—soil testing
 3. Lots of meeting to discuss space and layout
7. Vehicles—still waiting on 2 mavericks that were ordered in early 2023; Council approved the purchase of 2 Ford F-250 trucks and a compact wheel loader

Senior Center Report - Roseann Seryak

1. March 7: Program Organizing 101: Tips on decluttering and organizing
 - a. Call to reserve space

2. March 12: Scams with Ohio Consumers Council: learn about avoiding scams and unwanted charges
 - a. Call to reserve space
3. April 16: Franklin County office on Aging
 - a. Review services for 60 and older
 - b. Call to reserve space
4. April 22: 90 years of age members are recognized with lunch and entertainment
 - a. Entertainment: Golden Clefs
 - b. Limited to 125 participants
5. April 11 and April 18
 - a. Learn to carve project
 - b. Free
 - c. Carve Dogwood Flower
 - d. sign up in office
6. Next Board meeting is March 4 at 2:00pm
7. April 3: Sneak peak for 2025 travel opportunities
8. Next newsletter is coming

Reynoldsburg City School Report - Julie Towns

1. Board Retreat held February 1
 - a. Goal setting
 - b. Update Responsibilities/ Rules
 - c. Relationship building
2. Working on scheduling a Community Forum re: Safety
 - a. Nothing confirmed as of yet
3. March 16: Color guard competition
 - a. Summit Campus
 - b. Will share additional information once available

NEW BUSINESS

1. CAPRA--Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies
2. Benefits of Accreditation
 1. For Your Community
 1. Demonstrates that the department meets national standards of best practice.
 2. Recognizes the community as a great place to live.
 3. Helps secure external financial support and reduce costs for the community.
 4. Holds the park and recreation department accountable to the public

and ensures responsiveness to meet their needs.

5. Ensures that all staff are providing quality customer service.
2. For Your Department and Staff
 1. Proves to decision makers, stakeholders and the public that your department is operating with the best practices of the profession.
 2. Increases credibility and can improve internal and external funding.
 3. Improves overall operations and increases efficiency.
 4. Enhances staff teamwork and pride by engaging all staff in the process.
 5. Creates an environment for regular review of operations, policies and procedures, and promotes continual improvement.
3. 13 of 15 full time staff members are working on the 154 Standards
4. Will need a Parks Master Plan
 1. The purpose of a Comprehensive Master Plan is to provide the City of Reynoldsburg with a roadmap to guide us in implementing our mission & vision and key recommendations. These goals and recommendations are focused on achieving what the community desires for their parks and recreation facilities and programs over the next ten years. The plan provides goals, recommendations, and implementation strategies for each component of the park system that includes parkland, trails, facilities, programs, operations, and staffing, financial and capital needs.
5. Process is expected to take 2-4 years

TREE COMMISSION

1. Looking for members—any leads on anyone who has a passion for trees?

ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn: French
2. 2nd: Seryak

Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm