



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

MEETING

**PLACE: COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
7232 EAST MAIN STREET, FIRST FLOOR, REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068**

I. Call to Order

PRESENT: Chambers (Remote 6:20 PM), Towns, Phillips, Donahue
ABSENT: Seryak (Excused)

II. Approval of Minutes

The January 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Motion by Ms. Towns. Second by Mr. Phillips. Motion carried.

III. Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

IV. Reports

A. Programs & Events

1. Programs & Events

- a. Youth Basketball-finishing up-tournaments this week
 - i. Season will be complete as of Saturday
 - ii. Some Covid cases, but not a lot
 - iii. Overall went very well
- b. Youth Soccer-333 registered to date
 - i. Still accepting additional registrations in some divisions
 - ii. Numbers up like they were pre-Covid
 - iii. Practices will start in March
 - iv. 4U, 6U, 8U will be in house
 - v. 10U, 12U partner with Pataskala
 - vi. Middle School and High School - joined a league of other communities for play
 - 1. Will play via grade
 - 2. Will have some travel to the league
- c. Youth Baseball/Softball/T-Ball -98 baseball/17 softball/34 t-ball
 - i. 8U, 10U, 12U joined a league with other communities

1. Will have some travel to the league
 2. We do have lots of fields in Reynoldsburg
 - a. Will host lots of games
 - ii. Softball -1 team of 17 players
 1. Some play Travel Softball as well
 - iii. T-Ball - still accepting registrations
 - iv. Julie asked if sports communication information has been sent to the schools?
 1. Donna is going to look into it
2. Skate Park Improvements-making progress
 - a. Still working on it
 - b. Deadline March 20
 - c. Currently applying skate surface
 - i. Will open once all the skate surface has been applied
 3. Partnering with Eastside Brewing for cornhole league
 - a. Partnering with the Eastside Brewery
 - b. Will utilize the outside area
 - c. Looking to play on Thursday evenings
 - d. May - July
 4. Pickleball Tournament to be offered during the Tomato Festival
 - a. Event will be run by a tournament director for a small fee
 - b. Thinking to provide each participant a free drink ticket to use at the Festival
 - c. Event will run 4 days
 - i. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
 - d. Event is open to all ages
 5. Nature based programs-very well received by the community
 - a. Lots of new programs
 - b. Going really well
 - c. Some classes include: shelter building, fairy houses, fire safety etc
 - d. Has definitely brought more people to the parks
 6. Blacklick Creek & Trail-still waiting on grant approval
 - a. Still waiting to receive word on 2 grants
 - b. ODNR
 - i. Grant notice was extended by 30 days
 - ii. Main grant scorer was out
 - c. Land and Water
 - i. Hoping to hear in March
 - ii. Repair erosion at Huber
 - iii. Move trail 30 ft to the west
 1. Focus area - Senior Center just past the diamonds (Huber)
 7. SWACO Grant-approved by Council on 2/14; will begin opening PO and placing orders
 - a. Approved by Council on Monday
 - b. Mayor has signed it

- c. Waiting on SWACO to sign now
 - d. Once all signed, will move forward
 - e. Trash cans and recycling cans will be bolted to concrete slabs
 - f. City Hall staff will be taking a field trip to the Landfill
- 8. Civic Park-focus groups have begun; anyone interested in joining
 - a. Current groups include
 - i. Disc Golf
 - ii. Cricket
 - iii. Dog Park
 - iv. Turf Sports
 - b. Ryan may have some names to share - will provide to Donna
 - c. Donna will send out updated designs of Civic Park plans
 - d. There will be multiple phases
 - i. Will take several years to complete everything
- 9. Brice Park-beginning Phase 1 design/programming EMH&T
 - a. Retention area currently
 - i. Will not mess with the water flow
 - b. Passive park
 - i. Maybe some boardwalks, outdoor classroom, parking lot
 - ii. Will connect to Idlewild
 - c. Ryan asked if this park could include pretty areas for photos
 - i. Currently do not have a lot of options here in Reynoldsburg
 - ii. People are interested in picture areas that are free
 - 1. Per Donna - thinking maybe some wildflowers, pollinators?
 - d. This project started from some not liking to the look of this area
 - e. This is a reimbursable agreement
 - f. There will be no bathroom installed
 - g. Maintenance agreement
 - i. Reynoldsburg to mow and maintain
- 10. Interactive Trails Map
 - a. Working with EMHT
 - b. Will provide a link on website
 - i. Also has the mobile option
 - ii. Includes Parks, trails, schools, churches, fire, police etc
 - iii. Will also have a tree walk with tree information
 - c. Questions
 - i. Ryan - is there another trail going in on Taylor Road
 - 1. There is talk about one, North of the fire station
- 11. Programs/ events the Commission would like to see offered
 - a. Ryan recommended a photo class
 - i. Teach people how to take great photos with their cell phones
 - 1. Including action shots
 - ii. Learn from an instructor
 - iii. Give access to fee software

B. Parks Update**C. Senior Center Report - Roseann Seryak**

Senior Center Report (Roseann Seryak)-interested in a trip to PQ & Civic in the Spring

D. Reynoldsburg City School Report - Julie Towns

Reynoldsburg City School Report (Julie Towns)

- a. No more academies
 - i. Will have 13 pathways instead
 - ii. Hoped to level out enrollment at the 2 buildings
 - iii. Encouraged by the new pathway options as students are no longer limited by the academy set up
 - 1. Added a new pathway of exploration for those that were undecided on a pathway
- b. Outcomes meeting
 - i. The schools will be creating 1 new Invoice reference number
 - 1. Previously had a different number for each academy
 - 2. 1 new high school will need a new name
 - 3. Have to create a brand new number, cannot use an old one
- c. Bond Issue
 - i. Prices have increased from original plan
 - ii. When to bring it back?
 - iii. Lots of questions to look at

V. New Business

- 1. Ryan does have some possible names to submit for new members of the commission
 - a. Will submit to Donna to share with the Mayor

A. Next meeting - March 16, 2022

March 2022 meeting - possible date March 16 at 5:30pm

VI. Tree Commission

- I. Tree Commission
 - 1. Tree City USA-was awarded for our 7th year
 - 2. Creating the following:
 - vision statement, goals, objectives, strategies-still working on

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Donahue. Second by Ms. Towns. Motion carried.