



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19, 2022**

MEETING

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

I. Call to Order

PRESENT: Chambers (Remote), Towns, Seryak, Phillips (Remote), Donahue (Remote)
ABSENT:

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes

- a. Motion to approve
 - 1. Roseann Seryak
 - 2. 2nd: Ryan Phillips
 - 3. All approved

III. Public Comments

No public present

IV. Reports

A. *Programs & Events*

- 1. Programs & Events
 - a. Youth Basketball
 - i. 226 Participants
 - ii. Taking place at RUMC and WRMS
 - iii. Participation was closer to 300 in 2019
 - iv. Covid
 - 1. Handle on a case by case basis
 - 2. Follow CDC guidelines
 - 3. So far have had about 10 cases or so
 - b. Youth Soccer
 - i. Currently taking registrations
 - ii. Will most likely extend registration as numbers are coming in slowly

- iii. Added 4U soccer this season
 - 1. Ryan asked if still Timbits is still a sponsor?
 - a. Per Donna no longer a sponsor
- c. Youth Baseball/Softball/T-Ball
 - i. Currently taking registrations
 - ii. Will most likely extend registrations as numbers are coming in slowly
- 2. Heirloom
 - a. Passed out additional copies
 - b. Everyone should have received a copy in the mail

B. Parks Update

- 1. Skate Park Improvements
 - a. Continue to work on
 - b. The wood underneath was extremely rotten
 - c. Had to enclose the area as vandals were destroying the process made
 - d. Skate surface being applied
- 2. Blacklick Creek & Trail
 - a. Applied for 3 grants
 - i. Received OPWC grant
 - ii. Waiting to hear on the Recreational Trails Grant
 - 1. The trail behind Senior Center to the JFK baseball diamonds needs to move 30 feet
- 3. SWCO Grant
 - a. Recycling program in our parks
 - b. Current recycling containers do not withstand vandalism well
 - c. Were awarded the grant
 - i. Will be adding new containers
 - ii. These containers will be metal to hold up better
 - iii. Also adding recycling to the offices
 - iv. Added new recycling dumpsters at City Hall
 - v. Will be conducting education with staff and possibly a field trip
 - d. Go to council on Monday
 - i. Pass as an Emergency
- 4. 2022 Budget
 - a. The presented budget passes
 - b. Opening PO's for the 1st quarter only
 - c. Trying to hold off on large purchases for now
- 5. Civic Park
 - a. Redesign
 - b. Meeting next week internally
 - c. 4-6 year project

6. Brice Park
 - a. Across from the library
 - b. Columbus Storm water retention area
 - c. Enter agreement with Columbus
 - i. Reynoldsburg will maintain
 - ii. Passive park
 - d. Possible Partners
 - i. Library
 - ii. Alliance church

C. Senior Center Report - Roseann Seryak

1. Senior Center Report (Roseann Seryak)
 - a. Senior Center Board meeting was in the beginning of January
 - b. Had a holiday luncheon in December that was greatly attended
 - i. The Silver tappers preformed
 - c. Calendars are out for January and February
 - i. Mailed to member's homes
 - ii. Additional copies available at the center
 - d. Programs are up and running
 - i. Lots of opportunities for Dance in addition to other options
 - e. Internet issues
 - i. Waiting on a part
 - ii. For now have upgraded speed with AT&T
 - f. Senior Involvement
 - i. Noticing that many Seniors are not involved
 - ii. Do not know what is happening or where things are
 - iii. Looking for ways to engage Seniors more
 1. Possible field trip day - Park Hop
 - a. Visit our local parks in Reynoldsburg
 - g. Pine Quarry
 - i. Luminary walk was great
 - ii. Good weather
 - iii. Utilized the upper trail
 - iv. Maybe add Hot chocolate vendor to next year
 1. Julie recommended the HS Student Council as a possible option
 - v. Event opened to all ages
 - vi. Music in 2 locations along the trail

D. Reynoldsburg City School Report - Julie Towns

Reynoldsburg City School Report (Julie Towns)

- a. There was an organizational meeting on 1/6
- b. Public meeting was 1/18
- c. Debbie Dunlap was elected President
- d. Angela Abram was elected Vice President

- e. Board Retreat is scheduled for January 29
- f. Super excited to be on the Board

V. New Business

Introduction of New Members

- a. Teneah Chambers
 - i. Honor to serve. Has lived in Reynoldsburg for 11 years. Certified Medical Assistant, Working on Masters of Education, has coached Parks and Recreation sports
- b. Julie Towns
 - i. Happy to be here. Has been a teacher for 20 years. Has two daughters. Has lived here for 10 years.

Programs/ events the Commission would like to see offered

- a. Does the commission have any new ideas of programs/ events that will keep interacting with the community

Questions?

- a. Teneah - will Brice Park have trash/ recycling cans
 - i. Per Donna yes
- b. Steve - possible Dog park?
 - i. On the list of possible additions with the Civic park redesign
- c. Teneah - Cricket Pitch
 - i. Per Donna, we currently have a Cricket Pitch practice field at Civic
 - ii. At the time it was built, it was made to specifications of a practice field
 - iii. Players would now like a game size field
 - iv. Currently on the list of possible additions with the Civic park redesign

A. Next Meeting - February 16

VI. Tree Commission

Tree Commission

- 1. Tree City USA
 - a. 6 years in total
 - b. Should find out in February if awarded for 2021
 - c. Lots of factors go into the designation
- 2. Creating the following:
 - vision statement, goals, objectives, strategies
 - work on ideas for the next meeting
 - Focus - trees on City property
 - Have a Master Arborist on staff
 - Grows trees from samplings
 - Starting our own nursery

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Roseann Seryak

b. 2nd: Teneah Chambers

c. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm