



MINUTES
REYNOLDSBURG PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
March 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Phillips at 5:17pm

Roll Taken

- a. Phillips, French, Samuell, and McKay Present
- b. Seryak Absent
- c. Council member Salvati Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Commission - Meeting - February

Motion to Approve

- 1. French
 - 2. Samuell
- All Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present

REPORTS

Programs and Events

- a. Spring Soccer Registration has Closed—373 registered (492—2024)
- b. Basketball & Softball—55 registered (70—2024-combined total); Softball cancelled for 2025 Spring
- c. Soccer and baseball practice to begin this Saturday and next
- d. Coloring Contest for Arbor Day—due 4/3/2025

Parks Update

- a. Restrooms open 4/1
- b. Porta-Johns placed in Huber, Civic, JFK
 - 1. Livingston, Rodebaugh road parks will be coming April 1

Staff Update

- a. Interviewed for the Streetscape Maintenance Equipment Operators to share with Public Service Department—2 individuals—waiting to hear back on offers made
- b. Advertising for the Parks Grounds Maintenance position—made an offer on 1 of the 2 positions; re-advertise for the other position
- c. Union negotiations—vote will take place tomorrow
- d. Planning is underway for summer events/programs
- e. Keaton returns on 3/17—was off on paternity leave

Senior Center Report - Roseann Seryak

No Report Given

Reynoldsburg City Schools Report - Kendra McKay

- a. School reminder that we using the school gyms, participants are not to be propping open doors or exploring the school
- b. Valerie Wunder is back in the school communications area
 1. Forward Parks and Recreation information to her to share with the schools

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pros Consulting—Parks Master Plan
 - a. Focus Group Meetings scheduled
 - b. Need to schedule Steering Committee
 - c. Gathering data that has been requested (Annual Report, budget, inventory of equipment, parks, etc.)
2. Received a grant from MORPC for a transportation grant for Seniors and those with disabilities—legislation submitted to Council for Mayor to enter into agreement with SHARED Mobility
3. Civic Park Concession Stand—will begin selling pre-packaged items during soccer season; credit card only
4. Awaiting word on if we will receive an Ohio EPA Grant for Community Clean-Up Day
 - a. Funds would help cover expenses for SWACO Hazardous Waste Collection
 - b. Advertising materials
 - c. Supplies—trash grabbers, gloves, etc.
5. UP-COMING Events
 - a. Civic Park Earth Day Event with Franklin Soil and Water 4/5 10am-12pm—remove honeysuckle and litter pick-up
 - b. Easter Egg Hunt 4/12 Huber Park 11am—Hosted by the Lions Club

- c. Earth Day 4/22 2pm Civic—plant bare root plants along wood line
 - d. Arbor Day 4/25 4pm Location TBD
 - e. Community Clean-Up Day 4/26
 - f. Michelle to email calendar invites to these events
6. Thoughts on moving the meeting from monthly to every other month
- a. Will discuss at the next meeting

OLD BUSINESS

1. Parks Maintenance and Public Service Facility
 - a. Having weekly meetings
 - b. Area beginning to take shape; can see the layout of the buildings due to the stone aggregate base; footers to be poured this week; color selections made for building; interior tile/carpet/laminate
2. Brice Park
 - a. MOU requesting an extension on the contract with Columbus has been approved
 - b. TC Energy has signed agreement for plans; work to begin as soon as weather gets a bit warmer
3. NatureWorks Grant
 - a. We received \$150,000 from NatureWorks for the JFK Tennis Court conversion
 - b. Legislation submitted to Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with EMH&T for design, engineering and bid services; after EMH&T designs the courts it will need to go to Ohio Department of Natural Resources for approval
4. East Main Street Trees and Taylor Rd Trees—Tree replacement along East Main began today
5. Streetscape maintenance in-house; still need to hiring, ordering equipment, etc.
6. Yard Solutions—trees—claim has been submitted to YS insurance company-no word yet

TREE COMMISSION

Looking for members—any leads on anyone who has a passion for trees; one individual interested. Please spread the word!

ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn: French
 2. 2nd: McKay
- Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm

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