



**MINUTES**  
**REYNOLDSBURG PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**May 13, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Phillips at 5:17pm

Roll Taken

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Parks & Recreation Commission - Meeting - March

Motion to Approve

- 1. Samuell
  - 2. Seryak
- All Approved

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public present

**REPORTS**

**Programs and Events**

- a. Plant Reynoldsburg Day—this Saturday May 17 9a-12p
- b. Soccer has gone well, despite all the rain! 4U & 6U to conclude 5/17; 8U and 11U to conclude 5/24
- c. Baseball and T-Ball beginning
- d. Single Use Plastic Recycling—new collection period began on April 17; 182 pounds collected to date
- e. Archery—Amanda and Ranger Philip-Basic Archery Instructor certification; session in June and July for youth and adults; ODNR loaning equipment
- f. Nature Adventure Day June 1 Livingston House 1p-4p
- g. First Friday 6/6 5:30pm Huber Park; Big Blue Dog, food truck, games and DogMan will play at dusk
- h. Sponsorship from Swenson's will enable Nature Programming for FREE!
- i. Military Banners will be up prior to Memorial Day
- j. Collaborating with several groups to bring events/tournaments to the park this summer: Reynaisse in collaboration with Herbert Mills Elem and Tomato Festivals Teen—May 30 Huber Park; 50 Stars soccer camp—Civic from June 1-July 12; Kidz on the Blok Back to School Event—Senior Center August 23; Freedom for All—

Nepali soccer tournament--Civic on August 30 and 31

### **Parks Update**

- a. Streetscape going well; staff staying on-top of trash, weeds; bed clean up to begin soon along with spreading mulch
- b. Greenhouse is full of beautiful flowers! Hanging baskets looking good will go week of May 26

### **Staff Update**

- a. Streetscape Maintenance Equipment Operators—one position remaining to fill
- b. Seasonal grounds staff have begun
- c. United Steel Workers Union contract has been approved by members and City Council

### **Old Business**

- 1. Parks Maintenance and Public Service Facility
  - a. Having weekly meetings continue
  - b. Excavation continues—site has a lot of trash/debris buried; sandstone is dense and difficult to remove
  - c. Steel is being erected for the dry storage conditioned space; Admin space should begin to be erected next week (5/19)
- 2. Brice Park
  - a. Playground installed
  - b. Pavilion installed
  - c. Footers installed for overlook
  - d. Park is saturated
- 3. NatureWorks Grant
  - a. JFK Tennis court conversion design is underway
- 4. Pros Consulting for the Parks Master Plan
  - a. Focus group meetings held; great feedback
  - b. Still gathering data
  - c. Additional meeting will be held with stakeholders/elected officials/department heads

### **New Business**

1. Received our 10 Tree City designation; Tree City Awards ceremony was held at the Senior Center on 5/8—115 people in attendance
2. Working with Columbus College of Art and Design—hoping to enter into an agreement to assist with arts programming
3. Do we need to meet every month? Can/should we go to every other month? Meet again in September?
  - a. Continue to meet each month
  - b. No meeting July and August
4. Will be scheduling a meeting with the schools to discuss usage for the 2025-2026 school year
5. What types of events/programs would the Commission like for us to host?
  - a. Look into deficiencies with current offerings
  - b. Flag Football
  - c. Student Band/ Orchestra/ Music
  - d. Arts

### **Senior Center Report - Roseann Seryak**

- a. Board Meeting May 5
- b. Business as usual
- c. New members continue to join
- d. New Active Aggressor Program
- e. Age Friendly meeting tomorrow
- f. National Senior Health Day May 28
- g. June 2 Share Mobility will start

### **Reynoldsburg City Schools Report - Kendra McKay**

- a. May 27 Graduation
- b. May 29 School Ends
- c. August 20 School starts for next year
- d. June new school times and new building lines will be announced
- e. Fall sports survey was shared via the District

### **TREE COMMISSION**

1. Looking for members—any leads on anyone who has a passion for trees; one individual interested. Please spread the word!
2. Looking into America in Bloom

### **ADJOURNMENT**



1. Motion to adjourn: French
  2. 2nd: Samuell
- Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm