

# Reynoldsburg

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## MINUTES REYNOLDSBURG PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION January 13, 2026

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Phillips at 5:17pm

Roll Taken

- a. McKay, Samuell, Phillips present
- b. Seryak absent
- c. Council member Salvati attended

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Commission - Meeting - October

Motion to Approve

- a. Samuell
- b. McKay

All approved

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public was present

### REPORTS

#### Programs and Events

- a. 2026 Basketball—188 participants 8U-18U co-ed; just began and going well. Using the following school's practice: Taylor and WRES; Games—WRES, WRJS, RCC
- b. Registration for 2026 Jan-April programs going well; Spring Soccer, Baseball, Softball and T-Ball registration going on for month of January
- c. Frost Fest will be held on January 24 from 4pm-1pm at the Reynoldsburg Senior Center—Iceless Skating, hot cocoa bar, bonfire, crafts, bounce house, hot dogs, and popcorn! FREE
- d. Aethereal Arts—play at the Senior Center—Good Help is Hard to Kill, had great turnout over two weekends approximately 205 attendees

#### Parks Update

- a. Brice Park is completed!! Official ribbon cutting in the Spring

- b. Grounds maintenance is doing brush clean-up, removing pear trees, willows, and various invasives
- c. Applying for a grant for playground equipment

### **Staff Update**

- a. Parks Grounds Maintenance—all budgeted positions are full
- b. Attending OPRA Jan 31-Feb. 4---Brian, Amanda and Donna will be presenting during the small agency forum—From Oops to Opportunity
- c. Tree City Award application for year 11 submitted; waiting on approval
- d. Working on possible pollinator program for the City—will have more info in February—move away from No Mow May
- e. Applied for the Federal 5310 Transportation Grant
  - i. Turnout has been favorable—1,262 passengers as of 11/3-/25
    - 1. June 107
    - 2. July 151
    - 3. August 190
    - 4. Sept 258
    - 5. Oct 309
    - 6. Nov 247
- f. Food Waste Drop-Off began; 612.6 pounds collected for December
- g. Submitted 3 programs for OPRA awards---did not win
- h. Single use plastic collection---1007 pounds reached on 12/5/2025 (had till April 2026 to reach goal); requested 3rd bench; continue to collect—cannot count weight towards next bench; clock starts over in April 2026

### **Old Business**

- a. Parks Maintenance and Public Service Facility
  - 1. Having bi-weekly meetings
  - 2. Building are taking shape
  - 3. Anticipated move in date to the Admin Building is July 3, 2026
- b. NatureWorks Grant
  - 1. JFK Tennis court construction will begin this spring
  - 2. Bid Opening was held on 10/13/25—Council approved Builderscape as our contractor
- c. Pros Consulting for the Parks Master Plan
  - 1. Survey collected from like agencies; received 7/8
  - 2. Master Plan on going. Statically Valid Survey going well—255 of 300 returned; presentation to Council on February 23

**New Business**

- a. Exploring options for a Commission Retreat/Strategy Session to identify strategic areas with goals, objectives and deliverables---interested???
- b. State of the City—February 26, 2026—City Hall, 7pm

**Senior Center Report - Roseann Seryak**

No Report Given

**Reynoldsburg City Schools Report - Kendra McKay**

- a. Board held the organizational meeting and Shana French was selected as the Commission member for 2026. She will represent the School district starting at the next meeting.
- b. Thank you Kendra for your service

**TREE COMMISSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. No meeting in February
    - a. March meeting will be March 10
    - b. Discussed meeting at the new Parks and Service complex for a tour
    - c. Director Bauman to coordinate
  2. Motion to Adjourn: Samuel
  3. 2nd: McKay
- Adjourned at 6:01pm