

**CITY OF SUNBURY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2023**

Sunbury's Parks and Recreation Committee ("Committee") met for a regular meeting on January 4, 2023 at 5:30 pm on the third floor of Town Hall located at 51 E. Cherry Street, Sunbury, Ohio. Committee Chairman Tim Gose called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call.

Roll Call

Members in attendance included: Tim Gose, John Grumney and Dave Martin. Others in attendance included Steve Pyles, City Administrator, Daryl Hennessy, Assistant City Administrator, Amber Swain, Clerk of Council and Wes Hall, City Engineer.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gose moved approval of the December 7, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martin. Mr. Grumney abstained. Minutes approved.

Visitors

There were no visitors who wished to speak at the meeting.

Unfinished Business

JR Smith Park Update

Mr. Hall updated the Committee on the changes that have been made to the plan, including the movement of proposed pickle ball courts to Freedom Park. The Committee is still trying to determine which amenities will fit best at each park.

Freedom Park Update

Mr. Hall reviewed the City's current master plan for Freedom Park, including proposed phases and amenities with each phase. The Committee briefly discussed the lack of available sewer services at the park. Mr. Hall noted that a small pump station would be needed to service the park. The Committee also briefly discussed the proposed community center at Freedom Park and Mr. Hennessy noted that funding for such an endeavor is well beyond the City's capacity at the moment.

Additional information about the cost of proposed improvements to JR Smith Park is needed before the Committee will consider improvements to Freedom Park.

New Business

Sunbury Memorial Park - Cemetery

Mr. Hennessy gave an update on Sunbury Memorial Park, including the current rules and regulations for the cemetery. The only recent rule change has been an increase in the price for installing headstone footers. Mr. Hennessy reviewed the rest of the cemetery's billing structure and the Committee asked for comparison pricing at other cemeteries in the area.

Mr. Hennessy distributed a copy of the current cemetery map and gave updates on the number of recent lots sold, burials, and miscellaneous transactions. He concluded by briefing the Committee on a dispute with a family regarding drainage around an existing gravesite and said that he is working with the Ohio Department of Commerce's dispute resolution board to find a solution.

In final business, Mr. Gose asked for an update on The Reservoir Park. Mr. Hall gave the update and let the Committee know they are working on the design drawings now.

Adjournment

There being no further Committee business, Mr. Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grumney and approved unanimously.