

CITY OF SUNBURY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2023

Sunbury's Parks and Recreation Committee ("Committee") met for a regular meeting on June 7, 2023, at 5:30 pm on the third floor of Town Hall, 51 E. Cherry Street, Sunbury, Ohio. Committee Chair Tim Gose called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call.

Roll Call

Members in attendance included: John Grumney, Dave Martin, and Tim Gose. Others in attendance included Daryl Hennessy, City Administrator, Amber Swain, Clerk of Council, Dana Steffan, Finance Director and Dan Whited, City Engineer.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Martin moved for the approval of the May 3, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gose and the minutes were approved.

Visitors

There were no visitors present that wished to speak.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Gose reviewed updated plans for JR Smith Park, including three revised site plans. Mr. Whited went over each plan and gave his feedback for each. A visitor, Mr. Hinkle, shared his thoughts on these plans and stated that noise from the splash pad could be an issue if there is a separate event occurring at the pavilion. Discussion took place about the noise concerns, the placement of amenities, and ways to reduce noise if necessary. Discussion then took place over the financing options for JR Smith Park. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting.

Mr. Hennessy went over the Cherry Street/Columbus Street Park and the master plan for Town Square. The Cherry Street/Columbus Street Park will need a name. Additional discussion about adding an amenity to this park was discussed and will be considered at future meetings.

New Business

Mr. Hennessy reviewed plans for a special event permit to use the Town Square park for the Independence Day Celebration. The Committee was advised of the event because it will take place at a public park. There were no objections from the Committee regarding the use of the park.

Other Parks Updates

Mr. Hennessy updated the Committee on the status of the Fallen Heroes Trail project and a request to Council to fund Phase 4.

Mr. Whited went over the status of Reservoir Park and recent discussions with ODNR staff about improvements needed to draw down water in the event of an emergency.

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Mr. Hennessy reported that the Freedom Park parking lot issue has been resolved and parking is now available at the rear of the park for upcoming disc golf tournaments. He has reported that the temporary seating for the JR Smith Park Memorial Day services worked well and that a Youth Fishing Derby will take place at Reservoir Park in mid-June.

Adjournment

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