

CITY OF SUNBURY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2023

Sunbury's Parks and Recreation Committee ("Committee") met for a regular meeting on August 2, 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: Dave Martin, and Tim Gose. John Grumney was absent. 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 July 5, 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 started the discussion about the strategic planning for JR Smith Park. He went over the current master plan with the Committee and opened the floor for discussion. Discussion took place over the splash pad, and members agreed that it would primarily consist of bubblers but with a couple of other spray devices if the budget permits. Mr. Gose then went over the playground amenities, which should include inclusive spinners and basket swings. Discussion took place between the Committee and city staff regarding potential phasing of the project and funding options.

M. Hennessy provided an update on a draft donation policy with the Committee. Discussion took place between staff and the Committee regarding the donation policy and its process. Mr. Martin asked for clarification on the staff who can approve these donations. Staff will request legal counsel review of the document before forwarding it to Council for consideration.

New Business

Mr. Hennessy updated the Committee on the upcoming Sunbury Sizzle and Sounds. This event requires the closure of three city streets and the use of a public park for the whole day. The event organizers have set up trash collection for the event through a private vendor. The event will also include food vendors, a kid's zone, a beer garden, and a vendor section. After some discussion, the committee recommended approval of the event, pending Council's approval to close streets.

Other Parks Updates

Mr. Hennessy provided a brief update on the S. Columbus Street pocket park and the demolition that is to be completed before the Sunbury Sizzle and Sounds. The plan is to utilize the space as public parking, with additional design work needed to determine its final layout.

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Mr. Whited gave a brief update on Reservoir Park and said he would be back next month to discuss final design plans for bid.

Finally, Ms. Swain updated the Committee on the Healthy Living Grant program. She updated the Committee on the status of our bike rack order. She also advised two benches will be placed around the square that are age friendly and accessible. She will also be meeting with the City Planner to go over the best placement of future wayfinding signs for the Ohio to Erie trail.

Adjournment

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