

CTO: 5:33 pm

Quorum Established

Present: Daniel Brown, Ash Allynson, Andrea Lewis, Annie Valeant, Megan Russell, Anne L'heurux, Councilman Swank, Director Katherine Ann Jordan.

Approval of Agenda: the following additions were made to the agenda

- Added roles and responsibilities
- Added Board and Commissions meeting update

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Andrea Lewis; seconded by Ashy Allynson; approved by voice vote

Minutes from the Joint meeting with AMAC were distributed via email.

Director Jordan asked via email that the following missing item be added to the minutes: Director Jordan gave an update on the Skatepark repairs that are forthcoming, she is working with Zack (ridgerunner construction) to get final plans submitted to ODNR for review since this will be largely reimbursed through grants. She I thanked the Appalachian Hellbetties for their letter of support that was included in the grant application.

Daniel Brown asked that the motion to adjourn be corrected to: Daniel Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ash Allynson

New Business: none

Old Business: Daniel has been thinking about the bylaws process and spoke with Patty Witmer about how to move forward. He and Ash will have a meeting to work on the template, draft the document so we can discuss it at the next RAB meeting. If there is a need to update it or make changes we could discuss it at that time, and make the changes as a group. He will email it for review prior to the meeting.

Master-Plan KAJ sent along the 2014 initial meeting to get the inventory. Add into the meeting to create an update of what we have done- what needs are still outstanding and what is th recreation inventory.

Andrea will email the group tomorrow morning to set an initial meeting date reminded the group of the members of the Master Plan committee. (Andrea Lewis, Daniel Brown, Megan Russell)

Staff Report:

- Lifeguard Certification course is planned for April and OU has one on the books for May

- Retrofitting the restroom, is still being worked on to get clarification on the ADA and accessibility requirements/compliance because it is not clear yet because it is not part of code
- Lightning alert system is set up, but the siren is not working at the moment so it is in transit to be returned. Do not anticipate problems during the season because the system is satellite based and not dependent on the internet
- Paint has been ordered and on track for installation on the new splash pad surface in April.
- May 20 is the pre-open date of the pool with “kids in park” day. Swim testing will be done to help reduce the volume of swim tests happening during open hours.
- Athens Ohio Soccer Association- working with them to help make their club functional. Adult soccer is open right now, you can register through the community center.

Programming

- Basketball and dance/movement classes ended; soccer registration open
- Open Play Saturday came to an end
- March 31 st – kid’s night out
- Summer camp registration will open end of March
- New fitness equipment ordered –waiting on arrival
 - Treadmill, recumbent bike, stair mill, and stretch machine
- Our intern has brought back member spotlight

Recreation Collaborations:

- MOU with Athens Ohio Soccer Organization (AOSO) collaboration for Adult Soccer League, GASA donated \$ for new goals
- Adult soccer registration open
- Sandlot MOU; Adena Spears MOU our awaiting signatures

Arts:

- Once (the Musical) opens tomorrow Fri-Sunday with a Sensory friendly show on Saturday afternoon.
- Paper quilts are up, and some sensory panels have been added, Spring Break camp has made their own paper quilt to be added to the wall.
- Sensory panels have also been addd to the wall

Ash interjected that the Patton College of Education has established a collaborative grant up to \$2500 – and suggested Director Jordan may be able to leverage the funds and a potential collaboration with the sports coaching program and rec center. Will discuss at an upcoming meeting. Deadline for the grant is April 3. Annual outreach grant that the college is doing to support collaboration. Director Jordan stated she would like to see sports related camps or clinics in the summer time.

Parks:

- West State Street Playground replacement parts have been installed

- Working on extending parking around the Westside community gardens and Crosley field area
- Sells Park Pond: being treated, Andrea asked about the vernal pool, and if was included in pond maintenance, Director Jordan stated not at this time.
 - Muck Sucking scheduled to happen in June and then the muck is used to create good quality soil that can be used.
 - Muck Sucking should not impact the trails or any closures. Director Jordan was asked if there has there been any thought about educational panels? She mentioned plans Adding a dock potentially and some wildlife panels.
- Pollinator habitat is being planned – seed will be planted in April (no till drill)
- Dog Park Water and agility items are being installed

Community Engagement:

- Kids to Parks Day May 20th Saturday, Megan suggested Director Jordan look into Look into KidFest, to increase engagement or promote
- Beautification week is scheduled and the Intern and practicum student will be assisting
- Camp Rotan clean-up working with Athens HS and planning a service day (March 31) 9-2
Director Jordan and Daniel met with the group out at Camp rotan to clean up limb debris and cut back autumn olive and privet
 - Camp Rotan need new stair repairs. How can we work with any volunteer groups to help with the projects.
- Planning Rain Garden restoration for April

Projects Updates and Ongoing:

- West State Street shade structures need more shade to have a longer duration of shade
- Soccer fields need some more drainage and seeding, the adult league is not going to play on it to help get the grass established, signage still needs to be installed.
- Invasive control in the riparian areas is still an ongoing effort
- Comm Center Concrete repair has been completed, and the asphalt overlay will occur some time in 2023 under the city contract (front of building)
- Comm center roof repair will include anchors added for future install of solar panels
- Solar panels at Pool will be installed soon- not likely to be hooked up, but may not be functional for opening week
- New West State street restrooms will have to go to bid again, Megan suggested “toddler chairs” for the family restroom, Director Jordan added notes to include this in the process
- Tennis and Pickleball courts, working on final prep and construction schedule.
 - As of 2/14 we have booked McKee Paving to repair the asphalt for the pickleball court @ just under \$21,000.
 - Spoken with Total Tennis about coating once asphalt is complete.
 - Plan to reuse fencing from old dog park for pickleball court fencing
 - Getting quotes on earthwork and asphalt tennis courts
 - Demo occurred week of 3/13

Whatdo we do with the old tennis courts when they are offline?

Councilman Swnk interjected that he spoke with Chris Chmiel, who asked what is going to happen with the old tennis courts – One thing was discussed was the potential to expand the farmers market would like to discuss the options about use of the space.

Additions to the agenda: the advisory board discussed timing of sending the agenda to Patty for distribution, as well as the role of the president and suggested meetings with Director Jordan to build a relationship between the department and the board.

Andrea asked that in the interest of time, at future meetings if we could focus on the areas in the report that are new or have updates.

Daniel reminded the group that the “All Boards and Commission meeting” is scheduled for April 4th

Next Rec Advisory Board meeting is April 20th in Council Chambers

Anne L’Heuruex made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm; Ash Allynson Seconded.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Andrea Lewis, Secretary