

CITY OF TWINSBURG, OHIO
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
June 27, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by David Kleinman. A moment of silence was taken.

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

Present: John Blust, Paul Donahue, David Kleinman, Rich Swerbinsky

Also Present: Parks & Recreation Director Derek Schroeder, Councilperson Jo-Ann McFearin, Stanley Stine, and T. L. Thogmartin

ABSENT MEMBERS: Deborah Peltz & Sue Vasiliauskas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- John Blust made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2019 meeting. Rich Swerbinsky seconded the motion.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Karen Hejl – 9856 Burton Drive, Twinsburg, Jill Manger – 10183 Gleneagle Lane, Twinsburg, and Lynn Gassraff (?sp) - 2993 Country Club Lane, Twinsburg
 - Discussed pickleball courts. They have, for the past three years, played at the two tennis courts at Glenmeadow Park.
 - They have spoken with Mayor Ted Yates, City Council and Derek Schroeder.
 - They would like pickleball courts installed at Glenmeadow Park so that they could have a nice place to play in the area with the proper court, proper lines, and proper netting and to where they do not have to go to other communities to play. They have a group of approximately 33 people on their list and this sport has just grown across the country.
 - Cost is estimated at \$15,000 - \$20,000.
 - They have also met with Friends of Twinsburg Parks to possibly have them help subsidize a portion of this project. Debbie Peltz of Friends of Twinsburg Parks seems very enthusiastic. It was unanimous that this would be a good project to support with Friends of Twinsburg Parks. Mayor Ted Yates is also enthusiastic about this project as well and has been out to play the game with them.
 - An invite was put out to all members of the Parks and Recreation Commission to join them as well to play some pickleball. They play Monday and Thursday mornings as well as Wednesday evenings.
 - They would also like to play indoors in the winter months as well, so they are going to be contacting some of the schools to possibly use their gymnasiums.
 - Their next step is to make a formal presentation to Twinsburg City Council on July 9, 2019.
 - Rich Swerbinsky made a motion to make a recommendation to support converting the Glenmeadow tennis courts into pickleball courts and to make a formal proposal at the July 9, 2019 Twinsburg City Council meeting. Paul Donahue seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

- Rich Swerbinsky updated everyone on the Liberty Park ballfield project. Construction has started. Location is perfect. Will change total dynamic of Liberty Park in regards to foot flow, usage of the park, etc. It is going to be a great thing.
- The raising of the white house was addressed. The house will be raised sometime in the fall of 2019.

- No further updates available on the “First Mile/Last Mile” connectivity study/project. Waiting on information regarding the funding for this project.

REPORTS

John Blust

- Nothing to report

Paul Donahue

- Nothing to report

David Kleinman

- Nothing to report. Congratulated Stanley Stine on the article and his twenty year anniversary with the City.

Debbie Peltz (absent but David Kleinman gave her update)

- Had a really good meeting with the supporters of the pickleball group. This is a good project for Friends of Twinsburg Parks to get behind.

Rich Swerbinsky

- Nothing to report

Stanley Stine

- He has had a very successful venture with the Twinsburg Public Library in regards to his Nature Matters program. They have had good audiences each time and he is very pleased with the program’s success.
- In 2019, he has had one Girl Scout who has completed her Gold Award project. Her name is April Dale. She has upgraded the overlook near the south bridge.
- He had previously let EMS as well as the Service Department know that a plant called “poison hemlock” is moving into the City at a rapid rate. This is a poisonous plant. If people get the sap into a cut or into their eyes they will be rushed to the hospital. Resembles Queen Anne lace. It is showing up at Center Valley Park along the bike path, up at the Community Center, and it is all along the interstate. Someone asked if the City was doing anything to eradicate this plant/weed. It was noted that the city does not use herbicides.

T.L. Thogmartin

- Has been a very busy summer with all of their classes and camps being very well attended.
- The fitness center is closed on the fourth of July. Outdoor pool will be open on the fourth of July.
- Cavs Camp starts the week of July 22, 2019. He has been in contact with the Cavs and there are almost 150 kids signed up for this camp, so all three courts will need to be used for this camp Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Another new program that they are currently working on is called “Pound Fit.” It is a drumstick fitness class. Demo classes will start in July and they will possibly add onto the schedule for August.
- They are also currently striping the parking lot. Has not been done in about ten years.

Derek Schroeder

- The ballfield is underway. Hopefully will be seeded in mid-August and completed by mid to end of September 2019. Had a preconstruction meeting and everything is ready to go. Will be up to Twinsburg Baseball League as to when the field will be playable. He thinks it may not be until fall of next year.
- Concerts are off to a good start.
- Day camp is in full swing.
- Safety Town is going strong.
- Pool has been busy.
- Aaron and Moses is doing well.

- Peter Pan is this coming the weekend of June 29 & 30, 2019.
- Production of Beauty and the Beast is scheduled for the last two weekends in September 2019.
- At the last Council Meeting the schools did a report of the future of the schools where they are potentially looking at building a new middle school back by the Fitness Center which would take up the auxiliary parking lot at the Fitness Center as well as the ballfields and the soccer field back in that area.
- Looking at putting in some fans along the training zone inside the fitness center.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business

EXCUSED ABSENCES

- John Blust made a motion to excuse Deborah Peltz & Sue Vasiliauskas. Paul Donahue seconded the motion.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Twinsburg City Hall. The remaining meeting date for 2019 is as follows: October 24, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

- Rich Swerbinsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Kleinman seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Toth, Twinsburg City Hall