



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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Minutes Parks and Recreation Board Wednesday, February 23, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, was called to order by Chair, Samantha Wolfe, at 6:00 p.m.

NEW MEMBER: Mayor Eva administered the Oath of Office to Timothy Covelli.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Tim Covelli
Jennifer Jakosh, absent
Cathy Roos, absent
Renee Sheaffer
Carol Stafinski, absent
Samantha Wolfe
Paul Morris, Council Representative

Also Present: Dave Eva, Mayor
Robert Johnson, Council President
Kevin Bittner, Council Vice-President

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 26, 2022

MOTION MADE BY PAUL MORRIS, seconded by Renee Sheaffer, to approve the minutes of January 26, 2022. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Tim Covelli, Renee Sheaffer, Samantha Wolfe and Paul Morris. Nays: None.

MOTION APPROVED: 4/0

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

Council Representative:

Paul Morris reported the Ordinance Committee will be meeting February 28th at 6pm and are considering changing the time of the City Council meeting to 6:30pm. Council approved legislation for internet for postings. The committee is working on legislation regarding fireworks, stating that local communities can opt-out of fireworks being legal in the city. The committee is also working on home inspections and the right of way issues.

Planning & Zoning will be meeting to discuss re-zoning the Andrews/Lakeshore area for multi-family dwellings.

CRA Committee is meeting to discuss an application that was submitted some time ago.

Renee Sheaffer is now an employee of the City as a substitute Clerk of Council.

Mayor:

Mayor Eva received a copy of a report from Chief Petchasko his recommendation to the Ordinance Committee would be to opt-out of the legalization of fireworks in the city. Last year there were 15,600 fireworks accidents.

We have a draft of what the district will look like for the Andrews/Lakeshore area that will go to the Zoning Commission for approval and then to City Council for final approval so we can go ahead with that project.

A Civil Service Full-Time Police Exam is scheduled for February 24, 2022, we have eight candidates for the exam, six are internal. We would look to hire two full more full-time officers within the next six weeks.

The Mayor will be attending a strategic planning meeting at the library next week.

Chairperson:

Samantha Wolfe gave a summary of the Coffee and Donut Event held at Andrews Place on February 17, 2022. Moving forward with all events that the Parks and Recreation, event summary sheets will need to be filled out to track information to see what type of events that the committee wants to have, the cost and how well the event was received by the community. At the next meeting a volunteer sheet to see what time people are available for events. Need to know days and times of events to determine how active the board will be.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 6:07 p.m.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC: 6:13 p.m.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Resident Skip Gray wanted to discuss three items: 1) Placement of Welcome to Mentor-on-the-Lake signs and revamping/refreshing planter boxes, he would be able to provide a significant discount to create new planter boxes. Suggested that businesses where the signs are should take care of them. Mayor Eva will turn this over to the Service Department. 2) Suggested hanging baskets with seasonal colors along Andrews Road. 3) Veteran flags and monument. Kevin Bittner said the name of the programs is Home Town Heroes and is in the process of obtaining more information. This program is paid for by the families of the Service Members.

OLD BUSINESS: 2022 Events -

City Wide Yard Sale – June 9th-11th 9:00am-3:00pm, permits will be \$3.

Fill the Cruiser (for school supplies) – August 5th-7th (Samantha Wolfe will talk with the school to see if this event is needed this year).

Trunk Sale – August 13th 9:00am-3:00pm, permits will be \$5.

Fall Festival – September 10th 12:00pm-8:00pm, volunteers needed. Renee Sheaffer suggested a booth sent up with information for seniors. Samantha Wolfe suggested a representative from Laketrans. Tim Covelli said seniors are confused with the new routes in the area. Mayor Eva said the mobile library comes to the festival.

Holiday Lighting Contest – December 6th for entries, December 7th for Committee to decide top three, public vote from December 9th-20th (need to decide a charity, ex: Toys for Tots or Sub-Zero, etc) – Tim Covelli suggested “adopting” a family.

NEW BUSINESS:

Samantha Wolfe discussed her visit with the seniors and found that only a few residents were members of the Mentor Senior Center. No one used the library. Some ideas: community social hour, live music, coloring night and a walking club.

Renee Sheaffer suggested local music from places teaching music. Need a way to communicate events to the community. Paul Morris informed the committee that the library has live performances in the gazebo and a calendar of events on the website.

A suggestion was made that the Parks and Recreation Committee have their own Facebook page to list events, make announcements and share information. Further suggestions were to make the Facebook events page shareable and turn off comments on the page. Also suggested were listing events on the Police and Fire Facebook pages.

Tim Covelli and Renee Sheaffer both said we need to find a better way to communicate with the senior community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None


ADJOURNMENT: 6:30pm by Samantha Wolfe.

MOTION MADE BY: Acclamation

MEETING ADJOURNED

***THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD WILL BE:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022 at 6:00pm**

ADOPTED: 03.23.22



SAMANTHA WOLFE, CHAIR



JAMIE McCULLOUGH, CLERK