

Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
September 12th, 2018

Meeting called to order: 7:32 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: George Caye, Katie Graham, Ritu Goel, Al Larson, Mindy Lewis, Dan Rezende, Toby Lewis, Jeff Trachtenberg.

Also in Attendance: Ray Favreau

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Toby, and seconded by Katie to approve the August 8th minutes. Passed unanimously.

Public Input: None

Special Reports.

(1) **4th R Program update by Ray:** The YMCA and Temple are ready to open for business! Target date is October 1st. This should relieve some pressure in the PV district. There is a potential buyer for the recently closed Mother Goose Center. This should relieve folks in the OH district.

(2) **Master Plan Progress Report:** The majority of the rest of the meeting was dedicated to a master plan revision. Drafts of the Introduction, Section II were presented and discussed. Start discussions at Introduction, Methodology for the October meeting.

Report of Council Liaison: None, Councilor Riley unable to attend.

Report of the B of E Liaison: None due to absence of liaison.

OSTF: Discussion centered around the fact that many commissioners are not familiar with where properties are located in town, including all of our current park and open space inventory. Motion made and passed to set up an evening to tour town properties in lieu of the monthly meeting on June 5, 2019 from 6-9pm. Jeff suggested inviting the members of the SW Walk & Wheel Ways as well.

Report of Parks and Rec. Director: Ray introduced the plans to construct a restroom facility at Nevers Park by the soccer/lacrosse fields. The project is a 50-50 partnership with SW Rotary Club and will be a year-round building, open daily from 5am to 10pm to service the fields and the newly acquired sledding hill. The only unresolved issue is building traditional men's and women's restrooms versus a family style design. Department and other commission reviews favor family style. Motion made by George, seconded by Toby and passed unanimously to draft a letter to SW Rotary in support of the family style design. Jeff offered to draft the letter.

Discussion Topic: Ray suggested that since the SW Rotary Club has donated over \$1.3 million dollars in park system improvements, the vast majority of which has been at Nevers Park, that we consider recommending to Council that the Nevers Park be re-named "Rotary Park". After discussion, a motion was made by Toby, seconded by George to move forward with the official process of re-naming Nevers Park to SW Rotary Park.

While on the topic of naming town facilities, the naming of the former Collins sledding hill to Porter's Hill surfaced. It was concerning to the commission that they were never approached or asked to weigh in on the process and they felt that the Town Council neglected to abide by the ordinance requiring them to forward any and all parks & recreation related projects and initiatives to PARC for their review and formal response within a 60 day period. Motion made by Toby and seconded by George to draft a letter to the Council requesting that they adhere to the ordinance moving forward. Al offered to draft the letter for Ray's review.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Next Meeting: 7:30pm Oct. 10, 2018

Respectfully Submitted - Ray Favreau