

ONEONTA, NEW YORK – May 6, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION PG. 1

PRESENT: Chair Tim Catella
Commissioner Cynthia McCarthy
Commissioner Geoff Davis
Commissioner Stephen Pindar
Council Member David Rissberger
Commissioner Gary Dilello

ABSENT: None

Chair Catella called the regular meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

PETITIONERS

Chair Catella recognized Mr. Al Sosa who represented a group promoting biking in Otsego County. Mr. Sosa explained the purpose of his presentation was to encourage the city to promote biking and support the placement of bike trailhead kiosks identifying rules, regulations and information on trail routes. After some discussion with commission members, the following motion was presented and voted on.

MOTION, made by Commissioner Catella and seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the commission endorse the placement of trailhead kiosks along designated bike trails as presented by Mr. Sosa.

Voting Ayes: Chair Catella
Commissioner McCarthy
Commissioner Davis

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Pindar
Commissioner Dilello

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION, made by Commissioner Catella and seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the commission approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 1, 2013.

Voting Ayes: Chair Catella
Commissioner McCarthy
Commissioner Davis

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Pindar
Commissioner Dilello

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

City Clerk Koury stated that correspondence was received and forwarded via e-mail to the commission regarding permission to hold yoga classes in the park and the lack of water fountains in the parks. It was decided that since the yoga classes were not being run by an organized group, they would not be unlike anyone else using the park for leisure and recreation and therefore, no permission was necessary. Recreation Director Andrews also stated that funding was available to place water fountains but the actual placement would be deferred until the locations were identified as part of the Master Plan Update process.

OLD BUSINESS

Parks Master Plan

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Chair Catella stated that the consultants made a presentation prior to the meeting about the plan. He stated the consultants did a great job and everyone seemed happy about the proposals. Chair Catella asked for a motion from the commission to endorse the plan and send its recommendation to the Common Council. The motion was presented and voted on as follows:

MOTION, made by Commissioner Catella and seconded by Commissioner Davis, that the commission endorses the Parks Master Plan as developed and presented by the LA Group and that its endorsement be forwarded to the Common Council.

Voting Ayes: Chair Catella
Commissioner McCarthy
Commissioner Davis
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Pindar
Commissioner Dilello

MOTION CARRIED

Breast Cancer Awareness Memorial

Chair Catella recognized Ms. Laura Van Houten, and two other sisters of Phi Delta Sorority to follow through with the sorority's request to develop a breast cancer awareness memorial. It was determined that a better location would be adjacent to the Applebaugh Gardens in Wilber Park. After some discussion, the commission stated that the garden could be planted in late summer/early fall after some logistical details were worked out with the sorority.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Director's Report

Recreation Director Andrews recognized Sean Blau, the Recreation Intern, and commended him for a job well done while he was with the department.

Recreation Director Andrews summarized his Director's Report as distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting.

Chair Catella asked if any members had any other items of new business.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Chair Catella adjourned the regular meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.

JAMES R. KOURY, City Clerk

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