

ONEONTA, NEW YORK – APRIL 1, 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. David Hutchison. Mr. Hutchison stated he was in attendance to request a memorial tree for Frank Stevens. After some discussion it was determined the Parks Commission did not need to formalize the decision and that City Manger Long would take a field visit to the park with Mr. Hutchison to scope out an appropriate location for the tree planting.

Mr. Hutchison also addressed the Parks Master Plan in relation to walkways on Lettis Highway that access the park. He provided a brief history of the informal trails that were used and the past discussions with the NYS Department of Transportation about providing appropriate walkways to the Southside retail district. After some discussion, Mr. Hutchison's ideas regarding the walkway and trails would be forwarded to the Parks Master Plan consultant.

Mr. Hutchison finished by informing the commission that he was part of a weekly biking group on Tuesday evenings. He stated anyone wishing to join them were most welcome to do so.

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 March 4, 2013.

Voting Ayes: Chair Catella
Commissioner McCarthy
Commissioner Davis
Commissioner Pindar
Commissioner Dilello

Noes: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

City Clerk Koury reported there was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS

Breast Cancer Awareness Memorial

Chair Catella stated since Ms. Laura Van Houten, of Phi Delta Sorority was in attendance to follow through with the sorority's request to develop a breast cancer awareness memorial in Neahwa Park. After some discussion, the following motion was presented and voted on.

MOTION, made by Commissioner Catella and seconded by Commissioner McCarthy, that the commission conceptually approve the development a breast cancer awareness memorial in Neahwa Park in coordination with the LA Group and the City Attorney.

Voting Ayes: Chair Catella
Commissioner McCarthy

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Commissioner Davis
Commissioner Pindar
Commissioner Dilello
Noes: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED

Update on insurance discussions with basketball and soccer league organizations

The commission once again held a brief discussion on the status of the discussions initiated with representatives of the basketball and soccer leagues regarding the requirement to have a certificate of liability insurance instead of just the waiver forms. After a brief discussion the following motion was presented and voted on.

MOTION, made by Commissioner Catella and seconded by Commissioner Pindar, that the commission make a recommendation to the Common Council that any and all organized users of park facilities provide a certificate of liability insurance, effective September 1, 2013.

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

WONY Vending Request

Chair Catella stated the vending request made of Recreation Director Andrews would be handled administratively. He stated it was on the agenda because it was sent to the commission and he wanted to formally acknowledge the request and let everyone know the issue was deferred to Recreation Director Andrews.

Recreation Director's Report

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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