

**CITY OF WARREN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 6, 2018**



The meeting was called to order by Denny Crandall. Members present were Denny Crandall, Mike Suppa, Jackie Angove, Kirk Johnson, Kris Whitaker, Judi Wilson and Mark Zavinski. Also attending from the City Staff were Nancy Freenock, City Manager, Terry Williams, Director of Codes, Permits & Recreation Services, Mike Holtz, DPW Director, David Hildebrand, Planning & Zoning & Ellen Nelson, Secretary.

**MINUTES**

Judi Wilson made a motion to accept the October 3, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Mike Suppa, was approved by unanimous vote. The December meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

With no nominations for officers, Denny Crandall volunteered to remain as the Chair of the Committee. Mike Suppa volunteered to be Vice-Chair. Mr. Crandall asked for a vote to accept the officers as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Dani Mostachetti, YMCA Aquatic Director  
Stacy Gross, Times Observer reporter

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

No report.

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Municipal Pool – Dani Mostachetti.** Dani reported that most of the lifeguards are returning from last year. There are 6 new guards as well. She is investigating prices for guard chairs as they have some they need to be replaced. Ms. Williams added that the fees will remain the same for 2018 and a meeting of the Pool Committee is scheduled for next week. Help is needed with marketing of the pool and the special events held there.

**Healing Garden – Judi Wilson.** Ms. Wilson reported that they were approved for the grant to extend the walk and do the gardens. They will be asking the Warren Garden Club for help in designing the gardens. Mr. Hildebrand stated that the grant will allow the trail to be extended and lights added, the restrooms will be upgraded and off street parking will be added. Ms. Freenock stated that Mark Eberl has information from the gardens at Roswell. The number of benches to be added will need to be determined and the placement of the statues of children that were removed from the Santa Park. Mike Holtz added that the loop for the trail is flexible to work around plans for the gardens and placement of benches. Joe Reinke is a licensed Arborist so would be a source of information.

**Historical Walking Tour – Mike Holtz.** The committee would like to place 4 Kiosks containing photos and narratives of structures in the area of each kiosk. The locations selected are Clemons Park, Wetmore Park, Art Kelsey Park and Blair Corporation. Blair has offered to make a sizeable donation. The Warren Foundation will be contacted regarding the balance. It is the intent of the committee to continue to expand on this and include more kiosks further from downtown. Other locations discussed are Betts Park and the new Bird Platform. Ms. Freenock announced that the grand opening of the Bird Watch Platform is planned for 10:00 am on April 28 in conjunction with

Arbor Day. Ellen Nelson is designing a tri-fold handout with information on birds that can be found in our local area.

## **CITY STAFF REPORTS**

**No reports**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Floating Dock.** Ms. Williams stated that the core group working on this project is continuing to seek funding. Ms. Freenock stated that the Loranger Building has been sold. Ms. Williams added that Piper Lindell is planning to move Allegheny Outfitters to this location.

**Birdstone Monument.** Mr. Holtz reported that the signature pieces are intact and are being stored in the DPW garage.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Lacy Park.** Ms. Williams stated that the Rotary Club approached the City about a Special Needs Playground for Autistic Children. The Club is gathering letters of support from local businesses. Mr. Crandall asked if there are any funds left from the Lacy Foundation. Mr. Hildebrand replied that they have not been approached yet. Ms. Freenock added that the City was turned down last year for improvements to Lacy Park but with the addition of the equipment for Autistic Children there is a greater chance of being approved. The original plans can be redesigned to allow for a larger area to be designated to the Autistic Playground.

Mr. Crandall asked if we have done anything about installing handicapped swings in the Parks. Mr. Holtz replied, no, but we could put one at Lacy.

**General Joseph Warren Statue.** Ms. Wilson provided information regarding a grant that the Daughters of the American Revolution are applying for to install a plaque on the statue of General Joseph Warren. Sturdevant Signs has provided an estimate of \$400 to create and install a bronze plaque.

Mike Suppa made a motion to approve adding a bronze plaque to the General Joseph Warren Statue in General Joseph Warren Park. Judi Wilson seconded the motion that was approved by unanimous vote.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Denny Crandall declared the meeting adjourned.

## **NEXT MEETING**

April 3, 2018 at 4:35 PM.