

**CITY OF WARREN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 7th, 2022**



CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Suppa at 4:35 pm.

ROLL CALL

- Members present were Mike Suppa, Jackie Angove and Judi Wilson. Also attending from City Staff were Michael Holtz, DPW Director and Kassie Damcott, Recording Secretary. All attendees participated via a Zoom meeting or in person, due to personal preference.

AGENDA APPROVAL

- Due to a lack of quorum, no motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

- Warren City/County Citizens & Business Owners (In Person):
 - Josh Cotton (Times Observer)

MINUTES APPROVAL

- Due to a lack of quorum, no motion was made to approve the April 5th, 2022 minutes as presented.

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

- Mr. Holtz reports that citizens living outside of the City limits may join the Parks and Recreation Commission, but may not be a voting member. Mr. Suppa stated he has recently spoken to the directors of the Jefferson DeFrees Family Center, the YMCA and the North Warren Presbyterian Church daycare to try to recruit some parents to be on the Commission.

PLAYGROUND & POOL REPORTS

- Playground Program - Mr. Holtz reported that today, June 7th, was the training day for the playground supervisors and that Monday June 13th will be the first day of the program. Due to so few supervisors, Lacy and Beaty parks will be the only playground program sites this year.
- Pool – Mr. Holtz reported the CAR Pool opened for the summer on June 6th and will be open the remainder of this week from 4pm – 7pm. Regular hours of 12pm – 5pm will begin on Saturday June 11th.

RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

- Mr. Holtz reports the Build Back Better Regional Challenge grant awards will be announced in September. It was also noted that all projects falling under the PA Wilds application were asked to reduce their projects, therefore ours was reduced by \$1.25 million.

LOCAL SHARE GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Mr. Holtz stated the five (5) local share grant applications the City submitted will be decided on in the early fall, presumably September. Mr. Suppa stated he received a call from councilmember John Wortman about Mulberry Park and the possibility of the Mulberry Rehabilitation application taking priority over the other applications. Mr.

Wortman also expressed his desire to attend future Parks & Recreation Commission meetings. Mr. Holtz stated the priority of grant applications were discussed by Council. Mulberry Park is in need of extensive repair with many pieces of the Park needing repairs and construction.

CRESCENT PARK

- Mr. Holtz reports the grand re-opening ceremony was well attended, with about 125 people present. The evening consisted of several exceptional speakers and great hospitality. Mrs. Wilson said she has driven by recently and can't believe how green and gorgeous the park has turned out.

JAZZ AMPHITHEATER

- Mr. Holtz said the JAZz Amphitheater dedication took place on Friday June 3rd at the beginning of the first evening of Music in the Park. Jim Zavinski's family was in attendance for the dedication and plaque placement.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business to come before the Commission and without a quorum to make a motion for adjournment, Mike Suppa announced the meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm.

NEXT MEETING

- The next regular scheduled meeting will be August 2nd, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Kassie Damcott, Recording Secretary