

**CITY OF WARREN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
June 21, 2018**



The regular meeting scheduled for June 5, was postponed until June 21, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Mike Suppa, Vice Chair. Members present were Mike Suppa, Jackie Angove, Mark Zavinski and Judi Wilson. 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

Ms. Freenock had one correction for the minutes relating to the bid for grant money at Crescent Park. Ms. Wilson made a motion to accept the April 3, 2018 minutes with one correction. The motion, seconded by Ms. Angove, was approved by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Stacey Gross, Times Observer reporter

REPORT OF OFFICERS

No report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Municipal Pool – Terry Williams. Magnets were made this year to hand out to seasonal pass holders. The magnets list the special activities being held at the pool this season. With the nice weather this year, the pool pass sales have increased from 2017. The Healthy Kids Day had 12 booths at their event and was attended by about 250 people. Banners, with information on the Pool, were hung at Music in the Park site and at Mountain Laurel Federal Credit Union. They were also hung at the YMCA and at the Municipal Pool.

Summer Playground Program – Terry Williams. Donations received from local businesses and foundations help kids with small expenditures like pool passes and the bus trip. It is also used for field trips and special parties. Crescent and Beaty playgrounds have a strong attendance. Lacy is lower. Field trips are planned for bowling in Youngsville, Ice Rink in Jamestown, NY, picnic at Betts Park and the Warren County Fair.

Historical Walking Tour – Mike Holtz, Terry Williams. The layout for the kiosks is getting finalized by David Winans and Michelle Gray. Mr. Hildebrand is working on funding from local foundations. Ms. Williams reports that it is the intention that the kiosks will be installed this fall, but it may be spring of 2019 before that happens.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

Crescent Park – Mike Holtz. Survey work is almost done. The Architect has started to work on the plans which are due August/September. Approval will be in November and bids awarded in January of 2019. Hoping to break ground in 2019. Statues of children will be placed in Crescent Park and will include a plaque with information on the history of the statue and the artist.

OLD BUSINESS

General Joseph Warren Park. Judi Wilson stated that the plaque for the statue has been installed and it looks fabulous. Information will be forwarded to his college.

Birdwatch Tower. About 50-60 people attended the grand opening.

NEW BUSINESS

Amending City Ordinance re: smoking in parks. The current ordinance 340-8 bans smoking in the parks unless you rent a pavilion. Phil Gilbert, City Council, approached Ms. Williams to get this changed so there is no smoking in the parks at all. Ms. Angove and Ms. Wilson are in favor the change. Ms. Freenock suggested changing the ordinance to no smoking in City Parks instead of listing items. Mr. Suppa asked if this was just City Parks or includes all City Property.

Mr. Zavinski made a motion to amend the ordinance to read no smoking in any park, pavilion, recreation, preservation or conservation area. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote. Mr. Gilbert will take this motion to City Council.

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mike Suppa declared the meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

August 7, 2018 at 4:35 PM.