

**CITY OF WARREN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
December 4, 2018**



The meeting was called to order by Mike Suppa, Vice Chair. Members present were Mike Suppa, Jackie Angove, Kirk Johnson, Kris Whitaker 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 & Ellen Nelson, Building Codes Secretary.

MINUTES

Ms. Angove made a motion to accept the August 7, 2018 minutes as presented. The motion, seconded by Ms. Whitaker, was approved by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Lori Drumm, Times Observer reporter

REPORT OF OFFICERS

No report.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

CAR Pool – Terry Williams. 2018 was a very successful year. Number of pool passes and attendance were both up from 2017, which was cold and rainy during the month of June. The YMCA will continue to manage the pool for the City. Dani Mostachetti, YMCA Aquatic Director, planned a lot of events, including movie nights that were very popular. Mike Holtz reported that the pool was painted this fall and the tiles have been fixed. The pool is in good shape.

Summer Playground Program – Terry Williams. Megan Butina is planning to return as our Playground Supervisor if she finds a teaching position in the Warren County school district area. Megan provided a summary of the 2018 program to the Commission members.

Pavilion Rentals/Special Events – Terry Williams. Ms. Nelson provided spreadsheets with comparisons of the numbers for the past 3 seasons.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

Crescent Park Trail & Healing Garden Project – Mike Holtz. Mr. Holtz met with the Electrical Engineer on Monday, Dec 3. Mr. Holtz stated that the plans are about 80% done. Bids will go out in January to be opened in March. The project should begin April or May of 2019. Funding is from a DCNR grant. There are plans to expand the electric at Crescent Pavilion.

Lacy Park – Mike Holtz. \$265,000 grant money from DCNR has been awarded for improvements to Lacy Park. Mr. Holtz provided a site map of changes to be made. It is anticipated that after the project is completed (in 2021), the pavilion located there will be rented much more often.

OLD BUSINESS

Renaming of Pool. Ms. Williams reported that the suggestion to rename the City pool from the Municipal Pool to the C.A.R. pool was approved by City Council at their August 2018 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers. With the passing of Chairperson Denny Crandall, election of officers was held at this meeting instead of waiting for the reorganizational meeting in February. Mr. Johnson nominated Mike Suppa as Chair. Ms. Angove seconded the motion that passed by unanimous vote. This now left the position of Vice Chair open. Mr. Zavinski nominated Judi Wilson as Vice Chair. Mr. Suppa seconded the motion that passed by unanimous vote. Ms. Nelson will reach out to Ms. Wilson to confirm if she will accept the position.

Drone Use in City Parks. After discussion of the issue it was agreed to delay any decision and revisit the issue at a later date, if needed. Ms. Freenock stated that drones cannot be within 5 miles of an airport and this would include the Helipad at Warren General Hospital.

MISCELLANEOUS

Recognition of Service by Denny Crandall. Denny Crandall was appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission in 1996 and remained in service until his passing earlier this year. Mr. Crandall had served as the Chair of the committee since 2000.

As a memorial, it was discussed planting a tree in one of the City parks and including a plaque. Ms. Whitaker volunteered to reach out to Denny's wife, Elaine, to see what her thoughts are.

ADJOURNMENT

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

NEXT MEETING

February 5, 2018 at 4:35 PM.