

CITY OF WARREN PARKS, RECREATION AND LANDSCAPE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Michael Suppa at 10:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Michael Suppa, Kristine Whitaker, Paula Bogart, and Sherry Johnson. Members excused were Mary Conarro, Mark Zavinski, and Jackie Angove. Attending from City Staff Mike Holtz, City Manager, Joe Reinke, City Arborist, and Barb Anderson, Clerk/Recording Secretary. Attending from Bureau of Forestry was Cecile Stelter, Dist. Forester.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Josh Cotton – Times Observer
Kassie Damcott – DPW Administrator

AGENDA APPROVAL

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mrs. Whitaker, seconded by Mrs. Bogart, and passed unanimously by those present.

MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion to approve regular meeting minutes with corrections from April 23, 2024, was made by Mrs. Bogart, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and passed unanimously by those present.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

JOE REINKE, CITY ARBORIST, REPORT

Mr. Reinke reported there has been a good mix of rain and sun for the new trees planted this spring and all trees are doing very well. A tour of the Crescent Park Arboretum was given to the DeFrees day care.

MIKE HOLTZ, CITY MANAGER, REPORT

Playground update below

CECILE STELTER, DISTRICT FORESTER, REPORT

Ms. Stelter said this spring has been a great blooming season.

POINT PARK REHAB

Mr. Holtz stated a grant application has been submitted for new playground equipment, a trail, parking area, pavilion, restroom, and fencing.

MULBERRY PARK SURVEY

Mrs. Damcott reported 200 surveys were returned. The top four requests were summer playground program, splash pad, pavilion, and a trail. Mr. Holtz stated drainage issues will be addressed as well as lighting.

BOAT LAUNCH

Mr. Holtz stated the drawings are being done and funding has been secured with a possible start date in summer 2025.

C.A.R. POOL

The pool will open Monday June 3rd with hours from 4 – 7 pm. Starting June 6 summer hours will be noon – 6 pm. A calendar of special events is posted on the City's website. Mr. Suppa distributed pool brochures to Jefferson Defrees, YMCA, Presbyterian church and Head Start day cares, as well as Mr. Holtz reporting distributing to Beaty and WAEC.

PLAYGROUNDS

Mr. Hotz stated playground programs will be held at Lacy, Crescent, and Beaty from June 17 – August 9. A total of 10 supervisors have been hired, with 3 at each playground and a floater to fill in and do some errands. Mrs. Damcott will be the coordinator for the program this year. She stated many field trips have already been scheduled.

REMARKS FROM CHAIR

Mr. Suppa would like to have the commission start the discussion of Civic Beautification awards at the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am. The next meeting is Tuesday June 25, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Submitted by,
Barb Anderson