

**CITY OF WARREN PARKS, RECREATION AND LANDSCAPE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 27, 2023 – corrected 7/25/2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Josie Gerardi at 10:00 AM.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present were Josie Gerardi, Mike Suppa, Jackie Angove, Kris Whitaker, Paula Bogart and ~~Sherry Johnson~~. No advisory members ~~Sherry Johnson~~ were present. Excused members included *Mary Conarro*, Mark Zavinski. Also attending from City Staff were Michael Holtz, City Manager, Joe Reinke, City Arborist and Barb Anderson, Recording Secretary. *Corrected 7/25/23*

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mr. Suppa, seconded by Mrs. Bogart and passed unanimously by those present.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

- Josh Cotton - Times Observer
- Andy Close – Your Daily Local
- Kirk Johnson

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

A motion to approve the Parks, Recreation and Landscape Commission regular meeting minutes from May 23, 2023 was made by Mrs. Bogart, seconded by Mrs. Angove and passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

**JOE REINKE, CITY ARBORIST, REPORT**

Mr. Reinke states the recent rainfall has been welcome and the trees are doing great. Work is on-going along the riverbank to cut down tall grass and brush. The new pavilion at Beaty Park is moving along well. Mulch continues to be distributed at Betts Park.

**MIKE HOLTZ, CITY MANAGER, REPORT**

Mr. Holtz reports the ballpark infields at Betts have been redone with new lights at Foley field being installed soon. Plants in the circle of the round-a-bout were discussed briefly with some suggestions of ground cover or rock with a border of ground cover. Mr. Holtz stated he had an upcoming meeting with PennDOT and would discuss any restrictions for filling the center of the round-a-bout.

**CECILE STELTER, DISTRICT FORESTER, REPORT**

Did not attend

**CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION**

Nominations were received from several committee members. A list was compiled and will be forwarded to members to review prior to the July 25, 2023 meeting.

**PICKLEBALL**

Mr. Holtz reports that the pickleball court construction is on schedule. A grand opening is scheduled for late July.

**CAR POOL**

It was reported by Barb Anderson over 500 pool passes have been sold this season. Mr. Holtz stated some benches, umbrellas and a pool cover were purchased prior to opening day.

### **SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM**

Lacy, Crescent and Beaty parks have programs this year. All parks have a good turnout.

### **HEALING GARDEN**

Ms. Gerardi stated that thanks to an article in the Times Observer, several groups have expressed interest in helping to maintain the gardens. She is currently setting up a calendar with each group responsible for a 2-week time frame.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am. The next meeting is Tuesday July 25, 2023 at 9:00 AM at Lacy Park pavilion.

Submitted by,  
Barb Anderson