

**CITY OF WARREN PARKS, RECREATION AND LANDSCAPE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 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, Mary Conarro, Mike Suppa, Jackie Angove, and Kris Whitaker. Advisory members present included Sherry Johnson and Cecile Stelter. Excused members included Paula Bogart and Mark Zavinski. Also attending from City Staff were Michael Holtz, City Manager, Joe Reinke, City Arborist and Barb Anderson, Recording Secretary.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors to recognize.

MINUTES APPROVAL

A motion to approve the Parks, Recreation and Landscape Commission regular meeting minutes from June 27, 2023 was made with corrections by Mrs. Angove, seconded by Mrs. Conarro and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None currently.

JOE REINKE, CITY ARBORIST, REPORT

Mr. Reinke reported there was no damage to any city trees from the July 20th storm that came through the county. Beaty pavilion is almost complete with some finishing touches being done this week. Mr. Reinke said Adam Meneo of the Rotary club stated they are moving on to phase 3 of the Lacy playground project, which includes adding shade sails and completing a trail around the perimeter of the playground. Mrs. Whitaker stated the swing area at Mulberry Park needs some maintenance. Ms. Gerardi suggested a Sorrel tree be planted in Crescent Park. Mr. Reinke stated the fall planting will include some trees being planted at the healing garden. Mrs. Conarro said she had been to Lacy Park on Saturday and there was litter strewn about. Mr. Holtz and Mr. Reinke responded that with pavilion rentals it is hard to keep up with the cleanliness but will see what can be done.

MIKE HOLTZ, CITY MANAGER, REPORT

Mr. Holtz reports new lights at Foley field, which is funded by the Betts Foundation, will be installed on August 2, 2023. Ms. Gerardi has received many suggestions from citizens about what should be in the center of the roundabout including statue, pump jack, hemlock tree, saw, boulder, fountain, mountain laurel and euonymus. Mr. Holtz stated he had received a suggestion to have "City of Warren" signs placed in the center of the roundabout. There are no PennDOT restrictions as to what can go in the center. Ms. Gerardi inquired about Quality-of-Life laws and citations. Mr. Holtz replied that the city does have laws and that citations do get issued.

CECILE STELTER, DISTRICT FORESTER, REPORT

Mrs. Stelter reports the late May freeze did damage some foliage and buds and some mortality can be expected.

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION

Nominations were discussed, with the following being chosen to receive the 2023 award:

- Ward A – 111 Terrace
- Ward B – 700 Lincoln
- Ward C – 1304 Sill St
- Non-Profit – Good New Community Church at 615 Conewango Ave
- Business – better help at 235 Liberty St

PICKLEBALL

Mr. Holtz reports a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on August 2, 2023 at 5:30 with rain date being August 3rd at 5:30. He encouraged everyone to attend.

CAR POOL

It was reported by Barb Anderson 621 passes have been sold so far this season. Mr. Suppa noted he has driven by several times and about 30% of the vehicles parked at the pool are from New York.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Supervisor of Lacy was present and was asked how she felt the program was going. She stated attendance has been good and the field trips taken have been nice. She also said Mrs. Damcott is doing a great job over seeing this program.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am. The next meeting is Tuesday August 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM at Beaty Park pavilion.

Submitted by,
Barb Anderson