

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

Held on July 1st, 2024



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

July 1st, 2024

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson, Jeff Patterson called the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting to Order at 5:30 P.M.

**Roll Call** Chairperson, Jeff Patterson, Howard Wade, Erica Bogner

**Quorum Declare:** 3 present, 0 absent.

Other staff attending: Director of Public Service, John Mitchell; Recreation & Specialty Events Manager, Shelton Stanley; and Clerk of Council, Tisha Edwards.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

**Motion to Adopt the Agenda** moved by Erica Bogner and seconded by Howard Wade.

-All in Favor

The Minutes of the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Parks and Recreation Committee were approved at the May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regular meeting of Council.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

-To discuss the mural ideas for the Village pool and meet the artist, Anne Balogh.

Council member, Howard Wade, stated that he and the mural artist, Anne Balogh, visited the pool earlier in the day to measure the building and take photos. The idea of tonight's meeting was to come up with some ideas for what everyone would like in the mural. He was unsure of how the Mayor wishes to do the funding, but he recently spoke with the owners at Whit's Frozen Custard, Eat Greek and his son who is a businessman and they are willing to donate to the Village for the mural. Mr. Wade had taken some photos off of the internet and polled his family members on which ones they liked and passed the photos around. Public Service Director, John Mitchell asked Howard if he is aware of what the cost for the mural will be. Mrs. Balogh stated that for the size of this wall, which is roughly 9.5 high but 76 ft long (one side is 44 ½ long and the other is 32 ½), it would be \$5,000.00. Council member Wade also wanted to note that Sherman Williams is willing to donate the paint to also help with the cost of the project. Mrs. Balogh had 2 rough sketches that she presented to the Committee, the Public Service Director and the Recreation & Special Events Manager. Mrs. Balogh stated she has been doing art for years, but her main job is Parks and Recreation Program Manager for Licking County. In the last 4-5 years she has been getting back into painting murals. The Committee received examples of some of her previous work, via email, before the meeting. One of her large works that she had most control of was done for Newark Parks and Recreation.

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The committee members all agreed that they would like to focus on fun, bright colors since the average age of the children going to the pool are 12 and under. Most in attendance agreed that they didn't wish to have a lot of beach related activities since the West Jefferson pool doesn't necessarily scream beach. They wished to do items such as diving, cannonballs, pool food, the words "West Jefferson Pool" were ideas that were discussed. The discussion came up about how to show appreciation to our donors. It was first suggested by Council member, Howard Wade to include the donors' businesses into the mural, but no one thought that was wise. They discussed doing a plaque that notes all of the generous donors in one area and that seemed to be the best idea. In the end, it was decided that the artist is aware of the ideas that the Committee has, and she will do a few mockups and then email them to the Clerk. The Clerk will then get the ideas out to all involved and a decision can be made from there. They spoke in regard to the project being done this year versus next year. Director Mitchell stated they will have to look at what is left in this year's budget in order for that to be determined. The artist would not be available to start until the end of August to have a good block of time to do the mural. If not, then we will look at next year and consider it during budget time. The last day of the pool being open this year is August 18<sup>th</sup>. They agreed that it is not going to need Council approval, it will probably just be Committee approval as long as there are no appropriations needed. Council member Howard Wade, let council member Erica Bogner know that there is an actual pool fund. Shelton Stanely stated that a new pool would cost about 2-2.5 million. Plain City's pool was 2.8 million, but Jonathan Alder schools helped fund the pool because their swim team uses the pool. The mural artist will follow up by email.


**Recommendation to Council:** No recommendations needed at this time.

## ADJOURN

**Motion to Adjourn** by Chairperson Jeff Patterson at 6:06 p.m. Motion moved by Erica Bogner and seconded by Howard Wade.

All in favor.

 7.15.24  
Tisha Edward                      Date  
Clerk of Council

 7-15-24.  
Jeff Patterson                      Date  
Chairperson