

October 9, 2020

TO: City Council Member Lynda Roesch, Chair
Parks and Recreation Committee of City Council

FROM: Brian K. Riblet, City Manager 

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020

As a reminder, the Parks and Recreation Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at City Hall. Those items to be discussed include:

1. Update on 2020 Pool Season—Staff will be present to update the Committee on the 2020 Pool Season.
2. Recap of City Events—Staff will be present to update the Committee on current and past City events.
3. Other Business—The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity to discuss any issue or ask questions that may be on your mind.

Also attached are the minutes from the June 8, 2020 meeting of your Committee for review and approval at Monday's meeting.

Should you have any questions or concerns pertaining to these topics or have additional items to be discussed at the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

c: Mayor and City Council Members (3)
Connie Gaylor, Administrative Coordinator
Department Heads
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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF CITY COUNCIL

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AGENDA

October 12, 2020

3:30 P.M.

The meeting will be offered both in place at City Hall and by teleconference for those who cannot attend in person or feel safer sheltering at home. To participate in this meeting by teleconference please use the following phone number: 1-866-228-9900 with a passcode of 204938.

1. Call to Order
2. Guests and Residents
3. Old Business
4. New Business
 - a. Update of the 2020 Pool Season
 - b. Recap of City Events
5. Approval of Minutes - June 8, 2020
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

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City of Montgomery
Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes
June 8, 2020

Present

Brian Riblet, City Manager
Tracy Roblero, Asst. City Manager/Acting Comm. Dev. Dir.
Julie Machon, Recreation Director
Mike Rogers, Public Works Supervisor
Terry Willenbrink, Asst. Public Works Director
Connie Gaylor, Clerk of Council
Shawn Cooper, Customer Service Representative

Committee Members Present

Lynda, Roesch, Chair, tele.
Gerri Harbison
Mike Cappel, teleconference

The Parks and Recreation Committee of Council convened its meeting for June 8, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in person and by telephone conference with Mrs. Roesch presiding. This remote access meeting was allowed by emergency legislation adopted last week by the Ohio General Assembly and approved by the Governor. The emergency legislation added language to RC Section 121.22 allowing public meetings by telephone conference during the current pandemic and declared State of Emergency. As required by the statute, notice of the telephonic meeting was publicized more than 24 hours in advance to allow public access through the same conference call in service. The public was also given a backup number to call in the event there were technical difficulties. This Notice was posted on the City's website and a similar Notice was sent to The Cincinnati Enquirer.

Discussion of Discussion of Baby Pool Rules

Ms. Machon explained to the Committee there has been a problem with older children going into the baby pool during adult swim. She explained this poses a safety hazard for younger children and has also prompted complaints from pool staff. Staff recommends lowering the maximum age to 4 years old to enter the baby pool unless closely supervised by a parent or guardian.

Mr. Cappel commented that adult swim is designed for kids to take a break and going to the baby pool negates that.

Mrs. Harbison also agrees this is a good idea.

Mr. Cappel made a motion to accept the recommendations lowering the maximum age to 4 years old to enter the baby pool unless closely supervised by a parent or guardian.

Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Committee unanimously approved.

Discussion of Pool Rules Relating to Pool Attire

Ms. Machon explained during the 2019 pool season, staff received complaints from pool members about the lack of coverage, related to attire, by others in attendance. She stated staff have seen

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more thong style suits and even transparent ones. The current City of Montgomery pool rule related to attire states, "Proper swim attire must be worn (no t-shirts or jean shorts)." Staff feels that amending the current rule would be beneficial to maintaining the family environment, addresses the modesty concerns; and would provide detail to help enforce the rule.

At the January 2020 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Staff reviewed and discussed the pool rule related to attire. The Commission understood the proposed rule and recommended that Staff consult the City's Law Director. Staff also reviewed and discussed the attire rule with SwimSafe, the pool management company, and SwimSafe was agreeable to the amended rule. Based on the research and discussions, Staff recommends adopting the following rule:

Appropriate swimwear designed for swimming is required. Thongs, transparent clothing, jeans, and "non-swimsuit, shorts are not permitted. T-shirts that are not offensive may be worn over swimsuits. We reserve the right to determine the appropriateness of swimwear and persons wearing inappropriate attire will be asked to change and/or leave the premises.

Ms. Roesch asked if Mr. Donnellon has reviewed the new rule. Ms. Machon explained he has not.

Mr. Riblet commented that the City is able to use a common-sense approach to this and Mr. Donnellon does not need to review.

Ms. Roesch asked if there were any additional questions or comments.

Mr. Cappel remarked that he is aware of other pools that focused more on hygiene but not so much to the style of suits.

Mrs. Harbison made a motion to adopt the amended pool rule. Mr. Cappel seconded. The Committee unanimously approved.

Discussion of Heritage District Street Trees

Ms. Roblero explained staff met earlier this year to discuss and develop a plan to update the Heritage District street tree list. Mr. Willenbrink explained the original street list was created back in the early 90's and consisted of Callery Pear, Skyline Locust, and American Hornbeam trees. He explained the Callery Pear has been deemed invasive and will no longer be available as a replacement. Staff decided that updating the Heritage District street tree list would give the City an opportunity to provide greater diversity in the street scape, as well as providing a better selection to face the space requirement obstacles of the area.

Mr. Willenbrink also mentioned the Ironwood is not on the proposed list but should be.

Ms. Roesch commented downtown Montgomery is known for their flowing trees and would hate to see the City get away from that.

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Mr. Willenbrink explained there were multiple trees on the list that were flowering and also had beautiful fall colors. Mr. Willenbrink confirmed adding additional flowering trees such as a Dogwood, Service Berry and Merlot to the approved list.

Mr. Cappel asked if the roots of the suggested trees would be too large for the area and Mr. Willenbrink answered they would be fine.

Mr. Riblet commented it is nice to have the ability to expand the choice of trees when replacing them, but Staff would bring any major changes back to the Committee before moving forward.

Mr. Cappel made a motion to update the street tree list for the City of Montgomery Heritage District to include the Ginkgo Niloba (male), Green Vase Zelkova, Littleleaf Linden, Amur Maple, Paperbark Maple, Yellowwood, and Ironwood, Dogwood, Service Berry and Merlot. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Committee unanimously approved.

Minutes

Mr. Cappel moved to approve the July 8, 2019 Committee minutes. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Adjournment

Mr. Cappel moved for adjournment. Mrs. Harbison seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The Parks and Recreation Committee of Council meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Chair