

**CITY OF SUNBURY**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 1, 2023**

Sunbury's Parks and Recreation Committee ("Committee") met for a regular meeting on March 1, 2023, at 5:30 pm on the third floor of Town Hall located at 51 E. Cherry Street, Sunbury, Ohio. Committee Chairman Tim Gose called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call.

**Roll Call**

Members in attendance included: Tim Gose, John Grumney and Dave Martin. Others in attendance included Steve Pyles, City Administrator, Daryl Hennessy, Assistant City Administrator, Amber Swain, Clerk of Council and Dan Whited, City Engineer.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Martin moved approval of the February 1, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grumney. Minutes approved.

**Visitors**

Cindi Cooper addressed the Committee about the need for safer access ways and walkways for residents that are located in the older parts of Sunbury.

**Unfinished Business**

Mr. Whited reviewed a number of plans that have been developed through the years to address high-priority parks and connectivity issues in the downtown area. He went over the master plans that were developed for Town Square, Freedom Park, Reservoir Park, and JR Smith Park.

Following discussion on the various plans, the Committee agreed to proceed with holding two town hall forums to review proposed plans for JR Smith Park. The Committee needs feedback from residents before determining how to proceed.

**New Business**

Ms. Swain reviewed the guidelines for submitting a Delaware Public Health District – Healthy Living Grant and possible options for funding requests. The Committee expressed support for seeking a grant and advised staff to proceed with preparing an application.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of enhanced parks programming at Freedom Park to help activate the disc golf course and Mr. Pyles briefed the Committee on repairs and maintenance needed to restore the Lions Building at JR Smith Park.

**Other Parks Updates**

Ms. Swain briefed the Committee on a planned disc golf tournament for fire fighters at Freedom Park on March 19. Organizers expect approximately 75 people to participate in the tournament.

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Ms. Swain also updated the Committee on the partnership with SourcePoint to increase programming for seniors at Town Hall.

Finally, Mr. Hennessy reviewed the calendar of upcoming events taking place in the City and those expected to occur at a municipal park.

**Adjournment**

There being no further Committee business, Mr. Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grumney and approved unanimously.