

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Committee
Village Office, Three South Main Street
Thornville, Ohio
January 3, 2023

Attendee List:

Committee Members:

Sterling Krout- Vice Chair
Kim Billman

Village Officials:

Gina Kaetzel- Mayor
Traci Sturgill- Administrator
Kelly Beem- Fiscal Officer
Dan William- Chief of Police

Guests:

Lynne Snider
Ashley Moore

Call to Order:

Mayor Kaetzel called the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting to order on January 3, 2023 @ 6:52 p.m.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken with Committee member Sterling Krout and Committee member Kim Billman present. Committee member Erica O'Neill notified Village Administrator Traci Sturgill that she would be absent tonight.

Review/Approval of Parks and Recreation Committee Agenda for January 3, 2023

Mayor Kaetzel asked for a **motion** to approve the business agenda for January 3, 2023. A **motion** was made by Committee member Kim Billman to approve the agenda and was seconded by Committee member Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Kim Billman- aye
Sterling Krout- aye
Motion passed 2-0

Review/Approval of the Parks and Recreation Committee minutes for September 6, 2022

Mayor Kaetzel asked for a **motion** to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes for September 6, 2022. A **motion** was made by Committee member Kim Billman and was seconded by Committee member Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Sterling Krout- aye
Kim Billman- aye
Motion passed 2-0

Assignment of 2023 Committee Chairs:

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Committee member Kim Billman made a **motion** to nominate Committee member Erica O'Neill as the Committee Chair and was seconded by Committee member Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

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Roll Call:

Sterling Krout- aye

Kim Billman- aye

Motion passed 2-0

Committee Chair Kim Billman made a **motion** to nominate Committee member Sterling Krout as the Committee Vice Chair and was seconded by Committee member Sterling Krout. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

Roll Call:

Kim Billman- aye

Sterling Krout- aye

Motion passed 2-0

Old Business:

Committee Vice Chair Sterling Krout asked for an update on the swimming pool repairs and playground. Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised as we had talked about at the December council meeting, it isn't possible to have the pool repaired/ upgraded to be ready for the 2023 season. She is still waiting on the engineers to put together a quote to even start the bidding process. Sterling asked what all we can do to be sure it is ready for opening in 2024. Traci doesn't feel that is going to be a problem as long as Council decides where and what funds to use once we have the quote back. Our pool adviser, Doug Pershon of Buckeye Aquatics stated the Dept of Health has a backlog of permits and is taking between 6-7 months to even be issued so our timeline will depend a lot on other departments getting to us. The Village (Jason) is going to remove all the concrete around the pool to save some money. He'll be starting that weather permitting. Spears Mechanical Engineering out of Indiana will put the quote together, that will then go to ADR Engineers to prepare the bids. We also now have to be sure the pool lines drain into the storm drains. Everything has been grandfathered in and we now will have to bring everything up to code which will be added expenses. The leak also needs to be found and repaired during the process. Everything is in process; it will just take time and funds. The most cost effective upgrade is to remove the baby pool area and make a zero entry in the 3' area with a couple water fixtures. If we do anything in the baby pool area, we would have to build a separate building to house a separate filtration/chemical system which would be very costly and we don't have the available area to add that. Committee Vice Chair Sterling Krout added that at the end of the day, this all comes back to the budget. Traci advised yes and Mayor Kaetzel added she would like to explore options of seeking a loan for a portion of the upgrades. The Village is able to take out loans for paving, pool repairs etc. We aren't going to always be able to pay cash for all the Village needs. We will do our best too, but there are times it may not be possible. We will be searching for grants for all our projects also. The Village is able to get 0% loans. The only projects Traci can see us possibly needing loans for are the pool, paving and the sewer plant. We have approximately \$600,000 in paving that needs completed.

New Business:

Vice Committee Chair Sterling Krout asked Village Administrator Traci Sturgill if she feels there is anything we can do for the community while the pool is down for repairs this summer? A community day was suggested and Mayor Kaetzel added she would like to see the Village have a nice float in all of the Thornville parades and council be involved also. Traci feels we should move forward with putting the new playground in this summer. Mayor Kaetzel & the committee all agree.

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We should try to get the new playground installed for the summer. Bringing in the firetrucks a day to spray the kids is also an idea for entertainment. Touch-A-Truck (tractor) day was also suggested.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Committee Vice Chair Sterling Krout made a **motion** to adjourn was seconded by Committee member Kim Billman. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye

Roll Call:

Sterling Krout – aye

Kim Billman- aye

Motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Sterling Krout, Vice Committee Chair



Traci Sturgill, Clerk of Council