



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Council Chambers

4230 Lake Avenue

Minutes

Opening of Committee Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council Community Development/ Economic Development/ Parks & Recreation Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Committee Chair DiGiacomo.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chair: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo, Vice Chair: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

Absent: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, Clerk of Council Ashley Bell

Parks & Recreation Board Members Present: None

Visitors: Christine Hill and Peggy Ducro Ashtabula City Health Department. Alanae Sanders Maven Lane (Via Google Meet)

Sunshine Law Certification

A quorum was established as defined by the Ashtabula City Council Rules of Order. The meeting met the requirements of the Ohio Sunshine Laws Open Meetings Act.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors

Special Guest Presentation

Alane Sanders, Ph.D., Maven Lane LLC

Alane Sanders, Ph.D is the founder and consultant for Maven Lane. Dr. Sanders attended the meeting virtually and provided strategies for community engagement. Community engagement is the process of working collaboratively with and through groups of people affiliated by geographic proximity, special interest, or situations. The outcomes of community engagement include: trust and commitment, gaining resources and supporters, creating better communication, improving the overall well-being of the community, building lasting collaborations, and developing innovative solutions. Techniques for community engagement include asset mapping, root cause analysis, and collective impact model. The collective impact model is a commitment from a group of people from different sectors (residents, health, government, law enforcement) to a common agenda for solving a specific social problem. Every community is filled with resources and people with passions and gifts. Knowing what they are can help you better use them for positive community building.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Timonere stated Ashtabula Regional Medical Center is opening a new wing in June. The landscaping at Dollar General Market has started. The company has planted grass, built

sidewalks, and updated the curbs along Park Avenue and sections of Main Avenue. The City was awarded 1.6 Million Dollars in Appalachian Community Grant Funding. There are no details about what the funding can be used for.

Parks & Recreation Committee Report

Next Meeting is June 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Smith Field.

Parks and Recreation April 2, 2024 Meeting

Parks and Recreation May 7, 2024, Meeting

Unfinished Business

New Business

Tax Abatement

No report.

Next Meeting

June 25, 2024

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by Committee Chair DiGiacomo.