



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 4:00 PM

Council Chambers

4717 Main 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 4:00pm by Committee Chair Haines-DiGiacomo.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chair: Ward 5 Councilor Jane Haines, Vice Chair: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Member: President John Roskovics

Absent: none

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, Clerk of Council McKenzie Burgan

Sunshine Law Certification

A quorum was established as defined by 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

Octavia Moore - Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Octavia Harris-Moore represented the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center. The CRCC is located on State Rd. in Ashtabula. They are open five days a week during business hours and open to walk-ins. Their mission is to support survivors of rape and sexual abuse, promote healing and prevention, and advocate for social change. Their vision is the elimination of sexual violence. The CRCC helps more than 60,000 people in Northeast Ohio each year. The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center services Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula Counties. Anyone may seek services and help from the CRCC, no matter their circumstances. All services are provided at zero cost. Telehealth services are available for those unable to go in person. 24-hour calls, text, and chat services are available and are immediate, anonymous, free, and inclusive. CRCC also provides individual and family/caregiver counseling and support groups. These counseling sessions are typically short-term, about 12 sessions. Victim Services are also provided, such as 24 hour in-person response, advocacy, ongoing advocacy, and support and help to connect to other services. CRCC offers additional services for anti-human trafficking. These include a drop-in center, located in Cuyahoga County, a 24/7 hotline, support groups, psychoeducation, survivor assistance, advocacy, counseling and resources, and professional training. Case Management is offered, short-term, to assist individuals with needs such as housing and transportation. Prevention and community education is offered to young people, parents, professionals, and the community. Outreach is done at health fairs, schools,

churches, and community events. Professional training is available on rape and sexual abuse prevention. 24- hour services can be reached via call or text at (216)619-6192 or (440)423-2020 or clevelandrapecrisis.org/chat for chat.

City Manager's Report

None.

Parks & Recreation Committee Report

They requested an update on their finances and the West 38th park. Solar lights on top of the poles at Walnut Beach would be nice. They also requested moving forward with the mats that would extend from the boardwalk closer to the water.

Minutes from the December 6, 2022 Park Board meeting.

December 6, 2022 minutes attached. The next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2023. However, this will be changed as the Regular Council Meeting is held on that date.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

Alex from the Land Bank will be the visitor for the next meeting.

Tuesday January 10, 2023

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. by Councilor Haines-DiGiacomo.

Attested By:

Clerk of Council, McKenzie J. Burgan