



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 4:30 PM

4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

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 4:33 p.m. by Committee Chair Jane Digiacoia

Roll Call

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

Absent: Rolesia Holman

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

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

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Special Guest Presentation

Ashtabula City Health Department - Christine Hill, Health Commissioner & Peggy Ducro, RN, DON

Guests from the Ashtabula City Health Department-Christine Hill, Health Commissioner and Peggy Ducro, RN, DON presentation.

Presentation

The guests presented a PowerPoint presentation about their organization, services they offer, and events they host in the community. Their PowerPoint included a department flow chart. Presenter Christine Hill stated their organization assesses community needs. Presenter Hill stated that their department must be nationally accredited, (Ohio is the only state that requires this accreditation.) The department must be accredited by the year 2025. The department has submitted all of their documentation. Christine Hill stated that their site visit was successful. The department was given an action plan to correct seventeen areas out of approximately 300. Their department is in the re-submission process. The department can produce all birth certificates for anyone born in Ohio. The department has bureaus permits and helps with genealogy under vital statistics. Mrs. Ducro stated their department has a long history of assessing what is going in the community. Their PowerPoint included a 2024-2025

plan to improve community health. Their plan includes action steps to make improvements in access to care, obesity, anxiety and depression.

Member of council Jodi Mills asked, Do you still do the medical reserve core? Presenter Hill said that it is still active and funded by a grant. Christine Hill says equity is at the center of everything that they do. Jane Digiacomio asked if the department does anything with asbestos? Christine Hill responded no, the environmental health director will make referrals. Jane Digiacomio asked if the department works with YMCA with regard to the department's obesity initiative. Christine Hill responded saying that they have done many initiatives with the YMCA. Jodi Mills asked if the department has any birth statistics. Christine Hill says the Ohio Department of Health has a database.

City Manager's Report

Still monitoring all of the developments that is going on. Looks like DG market is going to be wrapping up here pretty soon. We have not been told an open date. The Chestnut Village and The ACMC projects are still on going, as well as the hotel. We are also meeting with a lot of different people about expansion and zoning issues that some may have. Jodi Mills said that we forgot the bus garage. James Timonere stated the bus garage is coming along.

Parks & Recreation Committee Report

Jane Digiacomio states Parks and Recs needs more members. Asked the public to volunteer. James Timonere says the application to volunteer is on the city's website. Jane Digiacomio made a statement saying there are over 500 million pickle balls manufactured in a year, the majority of them end up in landfills. There is a company that will send you a bin for free for you to put at your ports, once the bin is filled, the company will send you postage paid mailing label. You will need a box to place the balls in so that they can be recycled.

Mr. Timonere addressed the concerns about the ADA accessible mats being moved closer to the water's edge. The mats are placed according ODNR guidelines.

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Unfinished Business

Mr. Timonere stated they are working with Hubbard House about the tree that is partially blocking The Walnut Beach sign. The Hubbard house is working with a landscape company to get that resolved.

Mr. Timonere stated that he did talk with the board of MRDD about developing an inclusion park and how to obtain funding. He says hopefully we can put a plan in place for something like that.

New Business

Jodi Mills says the "Clean up" is April 20th rain or shine and they are hoping to get more groups.

Next Meeting

February 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting February 27, 2024 at 5:00pm location to be decided.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:22pm.