



**CITY OF TWINSBURG, OHIO
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, April, 25, 2024
6:30pm**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:34pm

ROLL CALL/INVOCATION

Present: Deborah Peltz, Robert Coleman, Julie Miller, Doug McLaughlin
Jennifer Betenson, Parks and Recreation Director and Bill Furey, Council Representative

SWEARING IN NEW MEMBERS: Bill Furey presented the oath of office and swore in new Commission members; Robert Coleman and Doug McLaughlin.

**Motion presented to elect Deborah Peltz as Chairperson.
Motion was seconded and Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion presented to elect Robert Peltz as Vice-Chairperson.
Motion was seconded and Motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion presented to approve the minutes from *the last* Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.
Motion was seconded and minutes were approved unanimously.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Deb Peltz – Friends of Twinsburg Parks will be partnering with the City to identify different locations for pollinator gardens, called Planting with a Purpose. This will include the already active butterfly gardens and their much needed maintenance and upkeep. The goal is for 4 gardens throughout the city.

Robert Coleman - Additional commentary in favor of the pollinator gardens. Talked about the current pollinator garden at Christ the King church.

Julie Miller - Would like to see a tree lighting ceremony this year for the winter event. Jennifer explained that the tree lighting was part of LuminoCity and that the square belongs to the Township. This year we are looking to do a lighting at City Hall and are in talks with the Mayor. Also asks that event flyers be distributed to Commission members.

Doug McLaughlin – no report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer Betenson – will be sending a Special Events list to Commission Members. Those who wish to volunteer for events, please let Jennifer know.

Glen Chamberlin park update: concrete is poured, bid has been rewarded for restroom, playground equipment is here, and setup is behind due to weather.

Rock the Park will begin 7/12 – 3 concerts, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9 - 15 year anniversary!

For pollinator gardens, Parks will be logistical support and looking at grant funding.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion presented to excuse absent member David Kleinman and Tom Weirich.

Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion presented to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded.

The meeting was adjourned.