



**City of Covington
Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes**

May 18, 2016
6:00 PM

Covington City Hall

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
ROLL CALL	Chair Laura Morrissey, Vice Chair Bryan Higgins, Conni Elliott, George Tomalik, Justin Reed
EXCUSED	Lisa Knapton, Troy McIntyre
UNEXCUSED	
CITY STAFF PRESENT	Ethan Newton, Rachel Bahl
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	The Agenda was approved as submitted.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes for April 20 and May 9 were unanimously approved as edited and submitted.
CITIZEN COMMENTS	NA

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Aquatics Division Report** – The CM reviewed the Extended Agenda and made changes to adjust the workload. Rachel Bahl made her annual presentation to the Commission regarding Aquatics activities, attendance and plans. Attendance continues to climb steadily with increased attendance and diversification of aquatic activities. CM discussed the reality of continuing to provide a high quality service level while experiencing continued growth.
- 2. Naming of Jenkins Creek Park Bridges** – The CM continued discussions about naming the bridges in Jenkins Creek Park after George and Susan Pearson. The CM recommended to Council that the large bridge be dedicated to George and Susan Pearson.
- 3. Plan for Joint Meeting with City Council** – The meeting has been moved to June 28. Ideas are that we should provide an update of the Parks activities, provide goals/vision of commission (top 3), review accomplishments. Ideas of goals/concerns are sustainability/maintenance, lifespan/maintenance of aquatic center, and update on playground/planning for CCP. Ethan presented a list of highlights of the different divisions.

STAFF REPORT

- So Co Park – we will be closing soon on phase 1, and pursuing grants for phase 2. The Kent School District levy didn't pass, so they will not be pursuing construction of the new Covington Elementary before putting forth a new ballot measure.
- Gerry Crick Skate Park – we are close to purchasing new equipment; hopefully the renovation will be done before end of summer.
- Covington Community Park — we had a complaint about traffic/parking at the CCP.
- Tri Cities Meeting – Dave Reichert attended the Tri-Cities meeting and gave an update; the most discussion time spent was on homelessness in the Tri-City area. Ethan and Greg gave updates on the

partnership in Recreation programs. Ethan gave an update regional trails. Time ran out before the group could discuss a potential Metropolitan Parks District.

- The PRePAC continues to meet; they will be providing a report to the Commission in June.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Conni encouraged the CM to attend the May 24 Council Meeting to honor outgoing Council member Jim Scott.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Conni Elliott

Secretary, Parks and Recreation Commission