



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

January 20, 2016
6:00 PM

Covington City Hall

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.
ROLL CALL	Chair Laura Morrissey, Vice Chair Bryan Higgins, Conni Elliott, George Tomalik, Steve Pand, Lisa Knapton
EXCUSED	Troy McIntyre
UNEXCUSED	
CITY STAFF PRESENT	Rachel Bahl, Ethan Newton
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	The Agenda was approved as submitted.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes for November and December were unanimously approved.
CITIZEN COMMENTS	NA

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Working Together-Staff and Commission** – Ethan Newton was introduced as the new Director of Parks & Recreation, and the commissioners introduced themselves with their backgrounds and personal goals for the commission.
- 2. Tree Board Work Plan** – Laura proposed a Tree Board Work Plan to the Commission/Work Board.
A motion was made and unanimously approved to adopt the Work Plan as submitted.

STAFF REPORT

- Ethan is getting up to speed on the workings of the department.
- Jacqueline Ball has transitioned to a full time position as Recreation Specialist, helping Pat.
- The Sweetheart Swim is February 13. Last year the attendance was triple the previous year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Laura gave a report of how the Council adopted the Park Impact Fee task on the Planning Commission work plan.
- The Commission reviewed the last Council meeting where 4 of the CM were able to advocate for adding the review of Park Impact Fees to the Planning Commission’s 2016 work plan.
- The commission said Goodbye to outgoing CM Steve Pand and thanked him for his years of service and his contribution to the Commission and the City.
- Steve advocated that the Commission name the Education Building after Margaret Harto, recognizing her contribution to the City and her long career in education in both local and state organizations.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:08 pm for a reception honoring Steve.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Elliott
Secretary, Parks and Recreation Commission