

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 5, 2016

Mayor Olmstead called the public hearing to order at 6:15 p.m. Present were Council Members John Kevern, Jim Matuszak, Tim McCarthy, Rick Rettig, Jonathan Smith, Barry VanHoozen, and Becky Williams (7). Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, David Creps, Clerk of Council, Karlene Henderson, Law Director and Brody Walters, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

The purpose of the hearing was to consider a Special Approval Use for Riverside Park. Mr. Walters said that the approval process for the proposed improvements to Riverside Park are a multi-step process and this is the final step of that process. The Historic Landmarks Commission by a vote of 3-1 with one member abstaining approved the proposed plan, less the sunshades, at their November 9, 2015 meeting. The Planning Commission, at their November 19, 2015 meeting, approved the preliminary and final site plan and recommended approval of the Special Approval Use to City Council by a vote of 3-2 with two members abstaining. Mr. Walters stated that the Special Approval Use was necessary because we are introducing significant features or modifying the existing park substantially.

Jon Orser, 125 E. Front Street, said that he attended both the Historic Landmarks Commission and Planning Commission meetings. He questioned the results of voting from both Commissions. He said that the issue of parking was raised and it was stated that this would be a neighborhood park. He said the neighbors don't want it; it is a park for Lucas County. He also said that Ohio Historic Preservation and the Army Corps of Engineers have not been contacted.

Rachel Wesley said that she has concerns regarding the ramp and stairs in the winter since the City cannot even keep the stairs at Hood Park open during the winter. She asked that City Council take that into consideration.

The public hearing adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

David D. Creps, Clerk

Michael J. Olmstead, Mayor