

COMMISSION REPORTER



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**Orange Community Education & Recreation
COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, November 16, 2010
6:30pm, Pepper Pike Learning Center**

Attended by:

Ken Barton
Trisha Campbell
Cindy Eickhoff
Karen Erlenbach

Laura Guentner
Julie Jordan
Thatcher Thomas
Andrea Vederman

Cindy Wiley
Dr. Nancy Wingenbach

Not in attendance:

Stanley Morganstern Ryburn Taylor

Approval of October 2010 Commission Meeting Minutes

Ms. Cindy Wiley asked for approval of the October Commission meeting minutes. Ms. Karen Erlenbach motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Andrea Vederman seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Superintendent Update

Dr. Nancy Wingenbach reported that the early childhood parent group that had attended previous Commission meetings, had attended the November 15 Board of Education meeting and provided the Board with a list of donations they wished to make to Orange Early Childhood. The Board advised them that any actual items they wished to donate needed to be approved by the Board first and be reviewed by OCE&R administration and that cash donations could be made through the Treasurers' office. It was also noted that donations become the property of the Orange City School district.

Board of Education Update

Ms. Cindy Eickhoff reported that the Board is reviewing and considering a levy on either the May 2011 ballot or the November 2011 ballot, but that no final decisions have been made.

Commission Chair Update

Ms. Cindy Wiley reported that the Commission was working with the North East Ohio PTA in scheduling a meeting with those parents of Orange community Education & Recreation Early Childhood preschool students who may be interested in forming a PTA group. She also thanked the Commission and staff for their work on the successful levy campaign. Ms. Wiley suggested that fundraising for the next levy should begin sooner so more money could be raised for the 2015 campaign. It was suggested that an agenda item for a future Commission meeting could be fundraising ideas for the next levy.

PPLC Facility Renovations Update and Tour

Ms. Laura Guentner updated the Commission on the PPLC renovations. Minor work is still being done in the Pepper Pike Learning Center and Orange Senior Center. The playground is near completion and work continues on the newly added Activity Room and outdoor signage. The project is currently \$300,000 under the estimated cost. An open house/dedication is being considered for May, during the Community Days celebration and the Elementary PTA is planning on selling engraved seating stones to community residents in the community park area.

Levy 2010 Update

Ms. Laura Guentner reviewed the election results and thanked the Commission and staff, especially Dale Van Niel and Pam Bayus, for their hard work in assisting her and the Levy Committee in their successful efforts in passing the Levy on November 2, 2010. She also thanked all committee and Commission who made presentations and solicited endorsements.

Fiscal Report

Laura Guentner distributed the October financial reports and reviewed details comparing month-to-date for October 2010 and for October 2009 for all program and operations areas.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Thatcher Thomas reported that Peter McCarren had submitted his resignation as a Commission member and that the Commission accepted his resignation.

Mr. Ryburn forwarded a letter to the Commission from Mr. Mark Ruben regarding his request that a dog park be constructed on school district property. Dr. Nancy Wingenbach asked that the letter be forwarded to the Board for its review.

Mr. Thatcher Thomas suggested a committee be formed to discuss changes and updates to the Commission bylaws. Specifically those rules governing the number of years a commission member is permitted to serve. Karen Erlenbach, Julie Jordan and Andrea Vederman volunteered to serve on the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

January 5, 2011---OCER Winter Activity Registration Fair, 6p-8p

January 10, 2011—Board of Education Meeting, 6:30pm

January 7 & 8, 2011 – Stagecrafters’ Community Production of “Annie”

January 11 & 12, 2011—Orange Early Childhood Open House

January 17, 2011—MLK Day, OCE&R offices closed

Next Commission Meeting – January 11, 2011 at 6:30pm