

MINUTES OF RAVENNA CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
March 11, 2019

The Meeting of the Ravenna City Planning Committee was called to order by Chairperson Rob Kairis at 6:41 P.M. Present were: Amy Michael, Scott Rainone, Bruce Ribelin, Paul Moskun, Andrew Kluge, Matt Harper and Joe Bica. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Director of Public Service, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Police Chief Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Clifford Soudil of 434 Woodland Street, Ravenna, Ohio and Tim Calfee of 910 Murray Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio.

Mr. Kairis said the first item on the agenda is a request to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract with the Community Action Council.

Ms. Michael said that is a contract that is done every year for the Community Action Council to provide food for the Summer Day Camp. They furnish the food for the kids and anyone else who needs food to eat, they can stop in at City Park.

There being no further discussion, it was decided by those present the issue will be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for further action.

Mr. Kairis said the next item on the agenda is a donation of tricycles.

Ms. Michael said that Ms. Watkins was able to get ten tricycles donated by Mongoose for the Safety Town Program. These will replace Hot Wheels previously used. As part of the donation, the tricycles will have little license plates that stay Moongoose on them.

There being no further discussion, it was decided by those present the issue would be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for further action.

Mayor Seman said he'd like to mention a couple of things. He was to two different meetings regarding the missile defense system. A speaker named Ricky Ellison. His feeling is he believes the decision has already been made as to which location would be appropriate, but that is in terms of environmental issues only. He thinks Ohio brings a lot more to the table than just the environmental issues. Congress will make their decision though, on the environmental issue. He didn't think New York was going to have a chance with it. It's the feeling that when the trigger is pulled on a decision is when Iran has a missile capable of being fired. That's waiting too long. They are allotting five years to finish it. If they had to do it in three, it could be done. The numbers game is there will be more missiles coming than we have to shoot them down. These new sites, according to Mr. Ellison, are imperative. The other thing he talked about that there are other defenses being reviewed. Missiles can be fired from submarines and from airplanes. Also, they believe the technology is there or will be very soon that they will be able to fire from space. It was very interesting. But he said he would like to see them press the elected officials to get a decision made on it. His feeling is they need to get moving on this project, wherever it is going to be.

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Mayor Seman went on to say that there was a ribbon cutting this week. UH at Robinson has remodeled the emergency room to make it more practical and be able to move people who come in with smaller injuries so they can get attention more quickly. Priorities, of course, still go to the people who have major issues. They are a level 3 trauma hospital now. They work with the Fire Department and paramedics regularly. They donate a lot of equipment to the City. It was an interesting visit. They are a big employer for the City in terms of the employees' salaries and the donations. They did say that particular ER does more work than any other facility other than their main campus. This is one of their best hospitals in terms of cash flow.

There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Robert Kairis, Chairman
Planning Committee