

REDI Committee Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2022

In light of the Governor's Covid-19 Disaster Proclamation, it will be impractical and imprudent to conduct committee meetings of the Ridgeville Park District other than electronically. The REDI Committee meeting will take place on DATE at 6:30 pm. While this a public meeting, attendance at the committee meeting will be solely by means of Zoom. The Zoom meeting will be electronically recorded.

The Zoom link to join the meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82158797922?pwd=dXlZWG9GbGNiNzJUcExYVkhTcVh1UT09>

To Call-In: 1-312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 821 5879 7922 Passcode: 135526

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - A. Meeting is called to order at 6:33 PM
 - B. Present: Jacy Herman (JH), Natalie Sallee (NS), Martha Gaines (MG), Elaine Siegel (ES)
 - C. Joined by: Julie Lewis (JL)
 - D. Absent: (Iden Nowlin)
- II. Citizen Comments
 - A. No comments are made
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Minutes to approve: March 4, 2021 and October 7, 2021
 - B. NS motions to approve both minutes; MG seconds. All approve.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. No items to discuss
- V. New Business
 - A. Juneteenth discussion
 1. **For Action** - Recommend to the RPD Board that they vote to officially adopt Juneteenth as a holiday.
 - a) Move to recommend JH; ES seconds.
 - b) Discussion
 - MG: What recommendations do we, RPD, want to see and how will that look in terms of closed office observance and community events?
 - NS: Closed office day for observance typically for federal holiday. Juneteenth should follow suit. Will check with Brian. This is a great chance to partner with our community.
 - JH: Recommends learning more about the holiday and how to effectively celebrate.

- ES: Supports that partnering might be effective to see what could be best for the community
 - MG: What is the best way to engage with the community to celebrate? Is there a way to avoid “no work day”? Brian should weigh in on how RPD and camps should look.
 - NS we need to find a way to make celebrating Juneteenth a priority and recognize with equal importance as 4th of July holiday.
 - JH: Benefits of closing RPD are that there would not be a competition for park district space and that currently there is only one “Camp Holiday” (July 4) so it is plausible to add Juneteenth as well.
 - NS: Partnerships are an exciting opportunity because we’re not sure what running our own celebration would look like or if we could have it ready by 6/19. Great opportunity to develop relationships with organizations, hold an event, and poll Ridgeville community on what the community wants to see in the celebration.
 - MG: Motion of recommending observing Juneteenth as a holiday to the RPD board; _____seconds. All approve.
2. Discuss ideas for the acknowledgement of Juneteenth at RPD.
- a) JC: Loves partnering ideas. RPD has never celebrated Juneteenth and is not well versed. There are existing programs that have knowledge, background, and experience; partnering with these groups would be beneficial on many levels.
 - b) NS: Working on meet-and-greets with Evanston Alderpeople. They might have some ideas, connections, and information about city celebration plans.
 - c) MG: Partnering is a place to start. Partnership will provide an outlet for community celebration and education, which will show if RPD is a good fit for future events or hosting its own.
 - d) NS: Is the committee willing to participate? Wants to make event expectations clear and practical.
 - e) MG: Yes, in theory depending on what the actual ask is.
 - f) JH: Yes, and is available. Also available to meet with people for correspondence. REDI committee should have presence at celebration to open doors to community.
 - g) MG: Is eager to see REDI committee have a direct engagement with community. Pandemic and hold on consultancy has slowed REDI outreach, but there is excitement to fully create an outlet for the community. Juneteenth is a great way to promote community members engaging alongside us and give them a platform to speak up and be heard. The more organized we are in these meetings, the better we will execute community outreach and meaningful celebrations.
 - h) JH: Let's get organized so that we can celebrate

Juneteenth and educate our community. This will dictate how we are received in our future community engagements.

- VI. Executive Session: Discuss consultancy with Dr. Logan
- VII. Call of the committee
 - A.
- VIII. Adjournment
 - A.