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HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
March 17, 2022

The Health and Recreation Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 3:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Committee members present: Chair Ketchum and Vice Chair Thalman. Others present: Parks and Recreation Director Rochelle Barry and City Clerk Brenda J. Delbert.

The following matters were discussed:

Discussion to Reinstate the Parks and Recreation Commission

Ms. Ketchum gave overview of need of reinstatement of the commission. Parks and Recreation Director Rochelle Barry agreed an advisory commission would be an asset to her and the department. She is envisioning every ward will be represented. This would provide community outreach and support. Ms. Barry would like to implement a Master Plan that would allow consistent upgrading and beautification of various park systems. A discussion ensued around recommendations on changing the language in the original code and updating it to align with current city commissions. Some changes include: changing the name to Parks and Recreation Commission, considering a portion of county residency and a portion of members "at large", recommending an engineer or architect to serve on the commission, eliminating the examination of personnel requirement, and adding a broad purpose statement. Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Thalman, moved to amend the language to reflect the changes discussed today and forward to Council for consideration.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Mr. Thalman, moved to adjourn. Time: 3:46 p.m.