

MINUTES OF RAVENNA CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
July 23, 2012

The Meeting of the Ravenna City Planning Committee was called to order by Chairman, Scott Rainone at 5:45 P.M. Present were: Amy Michael, Frank Seman, Sharon Spencer, Fred Berry, Jack Ferguson and Bruce Ribelin. Also in attendance were Mayor Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Elaine Van Hoose and Nick Dudek of 328 North Prospect Street, Ravenna.

Mr. Rainone said the first item for discussion is to set a time in which solicitors can be permitted to go from door to door.

After some discussion, it was agreed to table the issue until the next meeting at which time a member of the administration would be present to give their input.

Mr. Rainone said the next item for discussion is the handheld radios for Parks & Recreation.

Ms. Van Hoose explained that an emergency drill was held during the summer day camp. The only downfall they found was the communications between staff. That's with the walky-talkies they currently have. These are several years old. However, these are on a band where the conversations can be picked up by anybody in the area. It's not a channel solely for the staff. The officer who was with them that day commented that they really need to get new radios so that (1) they have that one communication band between the staff only and then (2) they have one that does directly to the police department if they need to contact them instead of pulling out their cell phones, calling the police department or having to need your cell phones. That has gotten progressively worse. This is a request to buy 16 handheld. They can usually have 12-14 staff members there. They would have a few off to the side in case they need more. This would come out of its own line item. Having conversations with Mr. Cecora, he recommended it have its own line item. The cost is less than \$3,200.00.

Ms. Van Hoose explained that the current procedure is that if there is an emergency, they go to certain places and take with them any kids they have. What they try to communicate over the radios is how many kids they have in their group. If they have an odd number, they may be looking for their kids. They have to go through codes right now because who is listening. They can't say a kid's name.

There being no further questions or comments, it was decided by those present that a tracking sheet would be submitted for Finance Committee approval.

Mr. Rainone said the next item is the sound equipment for the RAC.

Ms. Van Hoose said they had Woodsy's out. The sound equipment in the group exercise room has been there since it opened in 2003. They are now to a point where the headsets and microphones need to be replaced. The current transmitter does not adapt to the new headsets. A new microphone is needed, the new headsets are needed and the transmitter is needed. Also the CD player is needed. It will have iPod capabilities. The cost is under the \$1,300.00 she is requesting. That would come out of the small capital fund. The cost would include warranty, installation, etc.

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Mr. Seman said he was amazed it has lasted ten years. He has gone through three sets in that amount of time.

There being no further questions or comments, it was decided by those present that a tracking sheet would be submitted for Finance Committee approval.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Scott Rainone, Chairman
Planning Committee