

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

July 8, 2019

The City of Chardon Park and Recreation Board met on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the Chardon Municipal Center located at 111 Water Street.

Members of the Park and Recreation Board present: Dan Goodell, Mary Glauser, Chris Grau, Chris Hercik, Barb Simkoff.

Members of the Park and Recreation Board absent: Nancy McArthur, Michael Dielman.

Others present: Recreation Director Adam Rogers.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Grau moved and Chris Hercik seconded to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019 meeting as presented.

Upon voice vote the motion passed.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rogers reported that the skate park ramps were resurfaced with a product called Ramp Armor and five benches were installed at the west end of the pool.

Mr. Rogers reported that learn to swim lessons, day camp and the swim team are currently underway.

Mr. Rogers reported that he is in the process of adding new programs for the fall. Potential partnerships include:

- Youth basketball instruction with Academy Basketball
- Science Programs with Mad Science
- Archery with Geauga Bow
- Art classes with Stella's Art gallery
- Lego classes with Bricks for Kidz

He added that space for the programs is a challenge.

Ms. Glauser stated that the Geauga Theater is an option for space.

Ms. Simkoff asked how the collaboration works.

Mr. Rogers explained that the instructors are independent contractors. The City will do the marketing and registration and secure a facility for the programs. The instructors will receive 70% of the registration cost and the City will receive 30%.

Mr. Rogers reported that the concerts in the park have been well attended.

Mr. Rogers reported that the first movie night in June was well attended with around 70 participants.

Mr. Rogers reported that fall soccer registration is underway.

Mr. Rogers reported that he would like to investigate offering City staff a discount on pool passes as is done with the Chalet and Heritage House rentals.

Mr. Rogers stated that a Boy Scout group will be in charge of concessions at Mel Harder Park for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Rogers reported that all camp counselors were trained in First Aid and CPR by the Fire Department.

Mr. Rogers began reviewing discussions that have taken place with the directors of the travel basketball program. Travel basketball is spending \$6,500 in facility rentals.

The Board discussed the travel team and their request to keep the program with the City including compensation for the directors.

Mr. Grau suggested that Mr. Rogers draft a response to the program directors declining their offer.

The Board discussed pool pass figures from 2002-2019.

Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of providing free passes for City residents because the pool is underutilized most of the time.

Mr. Rogers suggested a soft opening to try it. Maybe a few free weekends in 2020 to see how it goes.

Ms. Simkoff suggested that the public be more educated about the pool.

Ms. Simkoff requested Mr. Rogers investigate an adult co-ed softball league.

Ms. Simkoff suggested a dog park.

Ms. Glauser spoke in support of a dog park and noted that she had suggested this in the past; however, it was not well received because needs exist in the City's other parks.

OLD BUSINESS – none.

NEW BUSINESS– none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION– none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – none.

ADJOURN

Mr. Grau moved and Ms. Simkoff seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

AMY DAY
Clerk of Council