

CITY OF VANDALIA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

November 18, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lenny Maenza, Larry Taylor, Tara Landis, Rodney Washburn,
Rick Scherer

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lydia Baker, Corey Follick

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Clark, Jeff Kreill

- Chairperson Lenny Maenza called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- The minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting were presented to the board. Larry Taylor motioned to accept the minutes as presented and Tara Landis seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes.

COMMENTS FROM INTEREST CITIZENS

- None.

PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT

Steve Clark presented the Park Maintenance Report.

- Overhead garage door repair at Justice Center sally port.
- Cares Act touchless faucet and flush valve installation is under way at various locations – JC, MB, VRC, Senior Center, FS 1&2 and Clubhouse.
- Met with roofing inspection company looking at the conditions of our roofs. A report will be forthcoming with maintenance and repair recommendations. Steve mentioned the city is looking at funding options for roof and HVAC replacement projects. Discussion followed.
- Aerification of turf is near completion and turf fertilization has begun. Our only application each year is applied as the grass goes into dormancy. The roots continue to function and pull in the nutrients to store for next year's growing season. Butler United soccer as part of their use agreement for the sports complex paid for a weed control/ fertilizer application to the soccer field play areas this fall.
- Obtained the bucket truck today and began putting lights on the Christmas tree in preparation for the lighting the Monday following Thanksgiving weekend. Steve mentioned the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was cancelled for this year but staff is planning a socially distanced Santa visit. Discussion followed.
- Repaired shingle roofs at various park locations – damage was wind and vandalism related.
- All park restrooms have been winterized.
- Fire alarm and suppression equipment at our buildings received the annual inspections this month.

- Light bulb/ ballast replacement, plumbing repairs as needed throughout the City and cleaning/ organizing at the garage. Window cleaning as time permits.
- Asphalt maintenance work has begun at Helke Park repairing failed areas of parking lot and park walkways.
- Contractor is currently working on some of the recreation center HVAC roof ductwork making repairs to exterior duct insulation.

CITY TREE REPORT

Steve Clark presented the City Tree Report.

- Three young men (9th graders) who damaged the Seger park gazebo worked a total of 15 manhours with our maintenance staff , edging around trees and landscape beds , edging the walkway and applying mulch at Seger Park . Applied approximately 8 yards of mulch. They did a good job for us and hopefully will respect their parks, etc. into the future. Credit our IT department for the recent installation of a camera at Seger Park.
- There was no Veteran's day service at the complex this year. One of our staff did spend that day edging the beds and walkways, trimming the shrubs and applying mulch at the Memorial area.
- Thank you for your comments regarding what Tree City means to you and our community. We are in the final stages of preparing our application for our seventh year of Tree City status.

BEE CITY REPORT

- No report.

RECREATION REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Recreation Report.

- Department Safety Record: The Parks & Recreation Department was recognized for the 6th year in a row for not having any insurance claims. As a result, staff was provided breakfast from Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVRMA) on Monday, November 16. Many thanks to all department staff for their continued attention to safety!
- Food Drive: On October 13, several staff agreed to hand out flyers for the food drive to Copperfield and Park Place residents. 2020 Food Drive goal was to raise \$22,500.00. After expenses, \$28,200.00 was raised.
- Esports: What does Park Board think about our department getting involved with esports? Discussion followed introductory of program. Consensus from group is to continue to investigate as Board is not opposed to the idea.
- Santa Drive-Thru event: see flyer. Light display, music and activities for families to do while in their car will all be part of the event. Sunday, December 6 from 6-8 pm at VRC.
- Our Adult and Child cooking classes continue to be well-attended.
- Pickleball and Tennis Courts have received a tremendous amount of use this summer/Fall. Discussed parking concern from apartments.
- Free Little Library: Thanks to the Dayton Metro Library – Vandalia Branch and Bill McIntire for agreeing to begin restocking the Free Little Library with books two times per month. Users of the library have done a nice job over the years. Having Dayton Metro Library involved will likely improve the book selections.

- Years of Service Awards
55 Years (see sign)
 Roger Pratt
20 Years
 Bob liames, Paul Easterly, Sue Marvin
15 Years
 Sandy Beeson, Lois Gribler, Barb Smith, Ray Flichman (Golf and Park Maintenance)
10 Years
 Haley Cochran, Sheila Fox (Golf Maintenance), Amber Smith
5 Years
 Sydney Baker, Melissa Francis, Cameron Glover, Hannah Shafer, Emily Allen, Caleigh Fullam, Hannah Webb, Nikki Speakman, Jennifer Webb, Gabriel Warren, Jeffrey LaBianco, Cayley Saunders, Timothy Gould, Craig Miller (Golf Maintenance), Wally Wolf (Golf Maintenance), Marc Birchfield (Park Maintenance), Larry Karns (Park Maintenance), Dennis Yates (Park Maintenance)

ATHLETICS REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Athletics Report.

- Youth Soccer successfully concluded the first ever 'COVID' season on October 24. 232 participants. Congratulations to John Myers for facilitating a safe environment!
- Flag Football season ended the with a tournament on November 1 & 8. The tournament was held at the Sports Complex this year. Congratulations to John Myers for facilitating a safe environment! John was recognized by interim City Manager Kurt Althouse for his outstanding service based on an email he received from a flag football/coach. Way to go John! COVID-19 was the Challenge, Football was the Goal'
- Butler United played their last game at the Sports Complex on October 31. Our first season under the new Agreement has been extremely successful. John Myers is appreciative of the leaders of the Butler United organization and their willingness to openly communicate at any time.
- Youth Basketball has 113 participants registered (144 last year). John met with youth coaches last night. We will be practicing at Demmitt, Helke, and Smith again this year. No parents are permitted in school gyms for practice, coaches have to wear masks during practice, players are not required to wear a mask during activity. per schools.
- John has been in contact with neighboring communities to partner with this season. As of now, Tipp City has cancelled their season. We are hopeful that Northmont, Troy, Brookville and Huber Heights will proceed with their seasons. We are postponing the start of the season until January.
- We did not run a Fall Adult Volleyball league in 2020. Teams indicated that they want to try out the new volleyball facility in West Carrollton. In 2019 we had 6 teams participate. John is working on soliciting teams for a Winter league.
- Summer Adult Softball was successful 5 teams in Mondays Men's League and 11 on Friday's Coed League. We did not conduct a Fall Softball league because COVID pushed the summer season too late in the year, not leaving enough time to offer a Fall league.
- Turkey Shoot (36th Annual); Due to COVID, the event will be held during the week of November 16-19 from 7:30-9:00pm. Although it is disheartening that we will not be able

to bring everyone together on a Saturday morning, we are thankful to be able to offer the event.

- Field Permits Issued this Summer:
 - a. Baseball/Softball: 266 – mostly practices
 - b. Soccer: 54 – practices and games

RECREATION CENTER REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Recreation Center Report.

- Closed on March 17 and reopened on May 26. Closed for 70 days (10 weeks). Rodney inquired as to how much the VRC is being used by patrons. Jeff explained the numbers are not bad but not great. Discussion followed.
- One full-time employee is being quarantined for contact tracing. A couple of part-time folks have either tested positive or are being quarantined. We had a member ask if she could petition VRC members to keep our center open because she is so confident in the cleanliness and the need to remain open.
- Our phase reopening has gone extremely well. After seeing increased attendance June – August, September’s attendance slightly dipped. We attribute the decrease to school starting and all the activities associated with school and extra-curricular. In addition, the weather in September was amazing leading more folks to fulfill their exercising outside prior to winter weather.
- We’ve agreed to host a couple small Butler Swim meets at the VRC. Coach Bergman asked due to all the changes to their swim meet schedule because of COVID.
- We are accepting reservations for Birthday Parties, adhering to COVID restrictions. We will not be offering as many time slots so we can continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines and clean SE thoroughly between parties. So far, we have 4 confirmed parties.
- We continue many of our programs
 - a. Seniors Volleyball Tuesdays/Thursdays 1:00p-3:30p
 - b. Senior Pickleball Monday/Wednesday/Friday 11:30am-2pm and Tuesday/Thursday 10:30am-12:30pm
 - c. Medicare Mondays in the VRC Lobby 9am-11am
 - d. Fitness Classes
 - e. Premier Health
 - i. Stroke Health Talk on Wednesday, October 14th.
 - ii. Lung Disease and Exercise Health Talk on Monday, November 9th
 - iii. The Mobile Mammography bus Saturday Oct. 31st
 - iv. The Great Debate: Ice or Heat? is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th at 10:00am
 - v. Maintain Campaign Holidays 2020-2021. Weigh-ins held the week before Thanksgiving and weigh-outs are held the week after New Year’s. This year’s slogan is, “Commit to be FIT”.
 - f. Swim lessons restarted on September 12 and we were very satisfied with Swim Safe’s work. They were organized with registration and in the water. We are looking forward to increasing our swim lesson offerings moving forward with Swim Safe.
- VRC Daily Admission - Thoughts about permitting non-residents in to the VRC. Larry shared that the facility was built for residents and that is who we should

focus our efforts on. Discussion followed and consensus was to stay the course of residents and members only until COVID restrictions lessen.

	2020	2019	2018	2017
January	\$15,615	\$12,456	\$13,092	\$13,339
February	\$18,609	\$14,590	\$15,130	\$14,556
March	\$6,000	\$25,019	\$22,786	\$20,543
April	0	\$13,290	\$15,455	\$16,503
May	\$35	\$15,457	\$17,018	\$14,295
June	\$203	\$22,380	\$20,972	\$15,171
July	\$1,917	\$17,941	\$14,358	\$15,933
August	\$1,353	\$7,670	\$6,501	\$4,048
September	\$850	\$7,025	\$6,850	\$6,251
October	\$1,237	\$4,900	\$6,094	\$5,439
November		\$8,767	\$7,554	\$7,362
December		\$8,611	\$10,479	\$9,463
TOTAL	\$44,582	\$158,106	\$150,195	\$142,903

- Senior Incentive winners (required to have 10 visits to be eligible to win).
 - g. September:
 - i. Pamela Meggyesy- 12 visits
 - ii. Michelle White- 23 visits
 - iii. Bascom Fisher Jr.- 18 visits
 - iv. Charlette Perez- 16 visits
 - h. October:
 - i. Ida Burket-11 visits
 - ii. Milton Alkire-15 visits
 - iii. Lowell Thompson- 21 visits
 - iv. Freeda Hutchinson-21 visits

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Senior Center Report.

- Governor DeWine order the closing of the senior center at 4:00pm on Friday, March 13th and we reopened on Thursday, October 1st. The center was closed for 201 days (55%) of the year. The lengthy closing effects our membership fee structure for 2021.
 - 2021 membership fees are half price for folks that were members in 2020. Regular prize for any new member. 2021 membership fees:
 - Vandalia resident \$7
 - Vandalia couple \$12
 - Non-resident \$10
 - Non-resident couple \$17

Since reopening, we average approximately 25 visitors to the center on a daily basis.

Membership numbers:

- Residents: 278 (41%)
- Butler Township 55 (8%)
- Non-resident/non Butler Township: 339 (50%)

- TOTAL: 672
- Due to COVID, Van Tran transportation services were shut down Monday, March 16 and reopened on Monday, July 6 (16 weeks). There have been no issues related to covid since reopening. We are currently providing 40% YTD of the rides compared to 2019 at this time.
 - We are currently evaluating a couple rider's ability to safely participate in our transportation program. Riders are expected to be able to get in and out of the van on their own.
- The projector on the ceiling that was purchased in approximately March of 2017 has died due to a recent power. A new projector has been purchased and installed.
- Our after-hour facility usage is down 50% YTD compared to last year at this time.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave & Diane Redick and family after Dave's passing on October 13. Dave was a volunteer Van Tran driver for many years.

CASSEL HILLS POOL REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Cassel Hills Pool Report.

- CHP has been selected for a Wright St. Graduate Student Capstone Project. Three students will work with staff to survey the community about the future of the facility. This information will be shared with Council. Discussion followed. Rodney feels keeping the facility open as long as possible is important to the community.

OLD BUSINESS

- Steve asked for follow up discussion by the Board on the idea of conducting meetings on a quarterly basis instead of the current 8-9 meeting schedule. Steve reported the Board is permitted to determine the meeting schedule and does not need any formal action from Council. Discussion followed. Lenny Maenza recommended that Steve send the Board a proposed meeting schedule for 2021 for the group to react to and provide feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

- Larry Taylor made a motion to cancel the December meeting unless action is needed from the Advisory Board. Rodney Washburn seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Larry Taylor made a motion to adjourn and Rodney Washburn seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m..

Lenny Maenza, Chairperson

Rick Scherer, Secretary