

**CITY OF VANDALIA**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**January 16, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Lewis, Rick Scherer, Lydia Baker, Tara Landis, Rodney Washburn, Lenny Maenza

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Larry Taylor

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Kreill, Rudy Wells, Steve Clark, Joe Dranschak, Al Tuttle

- 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 November 28, 2018 meeting were presented to the board. Dave Lewis motioned to accept the minutes as presented and Rick Scherer seconded the motion. Motion carried all ayes.

**COMMENTS FROM INTEREST CITIZENS**

- None

**PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Rudy Wells presented the Park Maintenance Report.

- *Lenny inquired about the high and low areas of the walking path at the Sports Complex and how there are many areas that hold water. Rudy explained they plan to do some work on areas of standing water and hope to put another coat of asphalt over the current areas of concern in the future. Discussion followed.*
- A great deal of time has been spent recently on snow and ice removal. Rudy explained our department's areas of responsibility, which includes sidewalks, parking lots and building entry areas of all city facilities.
- Performed landscape maintenance work this past fall.
- Asphalt and concrete maintenance work at the Sports Complex and Municipal Building are just about complete. Contractor will return in the spring to finish a few concrete areas and then be finished.
- Staff removed most of the sports nets (tennis, pickleball, batting cage) at various park facilities. Several of each remain in place in case of good weather over winter.
- Gearing up for LED Lighting project that will take place at the VRC in the coming weeks. Meeting with contractor on Friday to go over details of the plan.
  - *Rodney Washburn asked for the company name that has the contract for the project. Rudy replied it will be Energy Optimizers.*

**CITY TREE REPORT**

Rudy Wells presented the City Tree Report.

- 120 Christmas Trees have been dropped off thus far at the recycling drop off area in the Sports Complex. These trees are chipped and used for mulch.
- Ice storm tree damage clean up and broken limb pruning after storm in November.

- Structural tree pruning on trees susceptible to ice damage performed during fall months.
- Landscape bed clean up and mulching of leaves prior to snow cover.

### BEE CITY REPORT

Joe Dranschak presented the Bee City Report.

- Working on year-end report that will be submitted to the City who will in turn include the report in the annual Bee City renewal process.
- A new proclamation will happen sometime in early 2019 as part of the program renewal process.
- Al Tuttle mentioned the Farmer's Market will not be returning in 2019 but the Anthony Trissel Memorial Fund will be having a series of weeknight events throughout the summer at Seger Park. Bee City plans to participate in the events.

### RECREATION REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Recreation Report.

- Aaron Messenger is participating in Miami Valley Recreation Activities Council (MVRAC) meetings. These meetings are great for Aaron to share ideas with other professionals in the Recreation field and maybe do some collaboration with other communities.
- Winter Camp was a success! During the first week we had 12 campers each day and during the second week we had 20 each day. Campers were able to participate in a wide range of crafts, climbing wall, swimming, gym games, make homemade ice cream and go on fun field trips like going to Skateworld and Scene 75.
- Sydney Baker was recently hired as the new Camp Rec Supervisor for this upcoming summer. Sydney has proven to be a valuable asset to our Child Care team as she is comfortable working with young people and parents. The interviewing process for summer camp counselors have begun.
- Top Chef – Vandalia will be occurring tonight!
- Christmas Tree Throwing Event cancelled on Saturday, January 12 due to the weather. It's been rescheduled for this Saturday.
- Fortnite Friday, January 18! Maxed out at 14!! Aaron plans to continue offering this program
- The Healthy Hands Cooking Classes have begun with moderate success with 5-6 registered.
  - Class tomorrow: Healthy Baking – 6 registered
- Homeschool Takeover – December was successful. We had 40 different families, totally 150 homeschool participants.
- Zoom Around the Room is still popular and will remain on Friday mornings.
- The Snow Creation Contest will be starting December 10th and will end on February 14th. The 'Elvis Chicken' made channel 7!
- Aaron created a community event called "Pic-n-Park". Pic-n-Park is a monthly photo challenge where you can upload pictures of you, a family member, or even a best friend participating in recreation or leisure in the Vandalia's parks and recreation areas. We will select a winner each month and the winner will receive a gift card for the VRC! Pic-n-Park has begun! We will see if this a good way to get people out and use our parks.
- Vino and Vinyasa - Valentines Theme @ **Cassel Hills Clubhouse** Friday, February 8 from 6pm-8pm

### ATHLETICS REPORT

John Myers presented the Athletics Report.

- Jeff Kreill introduced our new Athletics Supervisor, John Myers who gave the Athletics report.
- Our basketball leagues went on winter break after week 3 games on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Play resumed on January 5<sup>th</sup> for the rest of the season barring weather cancellations.
- Instructional basketball began on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Instructional basketball is headed by High School Basketball Coach DJ Wyrick. Players and other coaches also help.
- The 5/6 Grade Girls basketball schedule was completed. They began on January 13<sup>th</sup> and will be playing on Sundays.
- We were able to field two 7/8 grade intramural boys basketball teams this year. I reached out to Troy and was able to join their league that consists of five teams. Games played in Troy will be played on Saturdays, and games played at the VRC will be played on Sundays.
- Troy expressed interest in joining our 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> age groups next year.
- Fall Volleyball ended on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The fall league was a great success. I had several responses from participants about their positive experience during the season.
- Winter Volleyball began on January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The Upper league plays on Thursdays and the Lower league plays on Fridays. We have 10 teams in the Upper league and 6 in the Lower league.
- Uniform bids were sent out the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>. Photo bid will be sent out December 18<sup>th</sup> with the updates. The new contract includes a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year extension option.
- Baseball and Softball registrations began December 19<sup>th</sup>. Registrations have been pretty steady so far. I have been receiving a couple registration forms a week that does not include online registrations. Online registration ends March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- I have attended two softball/baseball meetings in Troy to discuss rules and how we want the league to run. We have been able to come up with a universal set of rules for everyone in the league that includes Vandalia, Northmont Little League, Northmont Amateur Baseball Association, Tipp City, Troy, Piqua, and Huber Heights.
- Some age groups may be divided in to a North and South Division based on the amount of teams in that age group.
- Dates for our Windmill, Slugfest, and Champions tournaments have been set.
  - Windmill: May 31 – June 2
  - Slugfest: June 14 – June 16
  - Champions: July 19 – July 21
- Currently have 6 total enrollments for the Windmill Tournament (3 – 12u and 3 – 16u)
- I received around 75 helmets and 50 facemasks for baseball/softball from a grant that Alicia had applied for a couple years ago.
- Registrations for Adult Softball and Kickball began December 19<sup>th</sup>. I have had a few people contact me with questions about both leagues.

## **RECREATION CENTER REPORT**

Jeff Kreill presented the Recreation Center Report.

- Our 17% promo sale is from November 21-January 6 was successful!
- Premier Orthopedics Partnership
  - Premier will provide a trainer at the VRC 3-4 times per week.

- 20 woman have already registered for Dr. Guy's presentation on 'Women and Weight Management after Menopause'. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30 from 9:30-10:30.
- Joint Pain seminar: March 6 at the Senior Center
- VRC Pool - Rain Drop Products  
All the work on the new feature has officially come to an end and we have submitted payment to Rain Drop.
- Ping Pong is coming to the VRC!!
- \$50 Gift Card Incentive winners (10 visits or more):
  - November- Keith Norris
  - December- Nancy Jewson
- We will once again work with CTC's Sports Management class (Zach Gueth). Specific plans are not solidified.
- 2018 Service Award Recipients
- **25 Years**
- Lonnie Hathaway
- **20 Years**
- Micki Marlow
- Dave Posma Sr
- **15 Years**
- John Plsek
- Tiffany Glaunsinger
- Angie Brooks
- **10 Years**
- Tom Barton
- Cindy Himsworth
- Ciara Blake
- **5 Years**
  - Ennie Bowen
  - Tyler Brannon
  - Ryan Britton
  - James Chrissis
  - Ferd Demers
  - Carolyn Ellis
  - Lynae Fiamengo
  - Amanda French
  - Victoria Gunckel
  - Reilly Harrington
  - Janelle Henderson
  - Connie Kriegbaum
  - Gary Labianco III
  - Mahdees Moazampour
  - Matthew Moebius
  - Steve Oroszi
  - Cynthia Phillips
  - Melissa Phillips

- Don Sheer
- Holly Simones
- John Starr
- Corinne Tofstad
- Nikki Virag
- Kaitlyn Grace Warner
- Bryan Graham

### **SENIOR CENTER REPORT**

Jeff Kreill presented the Senior Center Report.

- Toni continues to communicate with Senior Centers Coordinators throughout the Miami Valley. Tipp City opened a new Senior Center in November 3, 2018. Toni has been very helpful to their coordinator Diane Battson.
- The Senior Center is reaching 800 members!
- On Tuesday, February 5 at Noon: Vandalia Officer Holly Estep will talk about the Citizens Police Academy that begins in March. The course is open to anyone 18 years and older, who lives, works, worships, or attends school or the Vandalia Senior Center in the City of Vandalia.
- City/School Relationship: Soup and Basketball on Friday, January 25 at 6:15 p.m. The Vandalia-Butler High School has invited our members to sign up to enjoy a soup dinner at 6:15 p.m. in the banquet room. Afterward they will get to watch the Vandalia-Butler basketball game against Beaver Creek at 7:30 p.m. Free event.
- Toni is getting concerned about the direction of Sinclair and their Lifelong Learning Program offerings.

### **CASSEL HILLS POOL REPORT**

Jeff Kreill presented the Cassel Hills Pool Report.

- Failing Lawn chairs are being restrapped.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Jeff gave a status report in reference to Lydia's input at the November meeting concerning finding ways for non-VRC members that are students in the VBCSD to use the VRC gym during limited open gym times. Jeff is working with Superintendent Rob O'Leary on options to make this happen. It may be possible for the school district to provide any interested student with a photo ID that could be used to gain access to the gym. Discussion followed.
- Scott Herman field naming request. Steve shared that he spoke to Mr. Herman's daughter about the decision and discussed other options to honor her father. At this point in time, she seemed most interested in the Wall of Honor idea but is open to other options including a tree or bench. Discussion followed.
- Steve continues to gather information on how other communities handle naming of facilities and fields and hopes to have some information for the Park Board to review in the coming months.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Steve shared the VRC Cost Recovery chart, which includes the yearly cost recovery of the facility since it opened in 2001.
  - Discussion followed. Dave Lewis cited how staff has done a nice job with new programming and ideas over the years, which has allowed the facility to continue to do well financially.
- Joe Dranschak mentioned the he was looking at the city website for past Advisory Board minutes and encountered some inconsistencies. The city site has minutes through 2015 and the VPRD site has minutes for 2016-17. He could not find any minutes posted for 2018 minutes. He recommended combining the two sites and updating with the most recent minutes.
- Joe Dranschak notified the Board that Christian Life Center is putting together a program call “Help A Non Profit” and he sent a request letter to them for the Historical Society to be considered to receive assistance with clean-up of the Historical Society grounds.
- Joe also notified the Board that a local man, Jerry Gabbard, will be meeting with the Historical Society in February to discuss a “Haunted Trail” idea that would take place on the grounds of the Historical Society this fall. They would need permission to use the walking path of the Art Park as a means of entry or exit. Joe is currently checking into insurance.
- Dave Lewis moved to keep the current slate of officers as stands for 2019 and Tara Landis seconded the motion. All in favor.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Lydia Baker made a motion to adjourn and Rick Scherer seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Lenny Maenza, Chairperson

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Rick Scherer, Secretary