

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

**October 17, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Lewis, Rick Scherer, Lydia Baker, Tara Landis, Larry Taylor,

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Lenny Maenza, Rodney Washburn

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Kreill, Rudy Wells, Steve Clark, Kenni Lou Walker

Vice Chairperson Larry Taylor 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 19, 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**

- Kenni Lou Walker, a new resident of Vandalia, shared her background and interest in serving the community. Discussion with board members followed

**PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Rudy Wells presented the Park Maintenance Report.

- Soil removed from the pathway install at the Sports Complex and concrete removed from the feature pool has been repurposed and used for pathways on holes 6 and 7 of the disc golf course. This work should improve year-round playability of these two holes. We also removed more stumps from this area of the park and filled areas as needed.
- The new concrete entry/ walkway has been installed at Cassel Hills Pool (Jeff shared pictures).
- Removed one of the batting cage nets and the outfield windscreens for winter storage.
- Began aerifying ball fields at the sports complex.
- Assisted in set up and tear down of tables, etc. for the Senior Center bazaar.
- Cleaned and organized at the garage and Helke Park storage room.
- Some of our staff attended vehicle and aerial lift training.
- Prepared tractor /tiller and Bannerman top dresser for infield conditioner application to field #4 at the Sports Complex.
- Assembled new weight lifting equipment at the Justice Center.

- HVAC maintenance and parts replacement at various facilities. Routine and non - routine facility maintenance tasks were completed in this reporting period.

### **CITY TREE REPORT**

Rudy Wells presented the City Tree Report.

- Ordered commemorative trees (3) and street tree replacements (3) for fall planting. The tree nursery will be removing the dead street trees and planting new.
- Received 20 yards of bark mulch for use at selected areas this fall.
- Stump removal at Helke Park Disc Golf area. The ash stumps were left at about three feet high so we could eventually push them over once the with the skid loader. We hauled four dump truck loads to be ground up.
- Steve shared with the board that the VPRD is working with the Fiorita family, VB Schools and Seibenthaler Nursery to transplant a tree planted at Murlin Heights Elementary in memory of the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fiorita to the Sports Complex. Discussion followed.

### **BEE CITY REPORT**

- No report

### **RECREATION REPORT**

Jeff Kreill presented the Recreation Report.

- Jeff explained several of the pictures included in the handout during Park Maintenance Report (Aaron Messenger & Jim Frantz)
- Personnel Updates
  - Aaron Messenger is our new Programming Manager. He is taking over for Brittany Oliver. His first official day on the job is today, October 17.
- Fall Festival – October 20 at VRC and Sports Complex.
- Brandon Hough from Advanced Running Project is asking for Vandalia charities for us to consider for the 2019 5K. Jeff asked for staff suggestions and received the following:
  - Vandalia Recreation Fund
  - Lion's Club
  - Vandalia Food Pantry
  - Blake LaForce

He asked for board input and suggestions with the following results:

Dayton Autism Society – Tara  
 Shoes for the Shoeless – Larry  
 Shoes for Kids (Rotary) – Dave  
 Vandalia Recreation Fund – Lydia

Steve explained how the Vandalia Recreation Fund is funded and how it operates. Discussion followed. Consensus among the board is to recommend the Vandalia Recreation Fund to Advanced Running Project.

## **ATHLETICS REPORT**

Jeff Kreill presented the Athletics Report.

- We will be submitting our recommendation of hire for the Athletic Manager position to the City Manager in the coming days.
- Youth Soccer Program: Wings, Strikers, and Kickers tournaments is this weekend.
- The 13th Annual Cold Stone Classic for the Boys and Girls Passers division were played last week. We had about 50 kids participate. Thanks to Brett and Julie Neely from Cold Stone Creamery for their continued sponsorship of the event! In addition, thanks goes to Denny Bach from Super Subby's Vandalia for donating coupons for each player!
- Adult Fall Softball Leagues: Monday Men's league wrapped up last night for the fall season. Coed Softball will wrap up Friday night.
- Adult Volleyball Leagues: The Fall Volleyball league began last week; we have 8 teams participating.
- Youth Basketball: Registration is on-going! We have picked up quite a few registrations through this past weekend. Flyers went to schools this morning to try to get a push, as our numbers are down. The team draw is schedule for next Wednesday.
- Turkey Shoot: We have 2 teams registered as of today!
- NFL Flag football is moving right along. We will finish regular season play 10/28. Playoffs will once again be played at Butler High School.
- BHS Baseball plans to conduct a clinic on Feb. 10.
- TOP soccer is finished using our fields for the season.
- Pee Wee football is now practicing in the outfields since it is getting dark earlier now. Between Derek Vandervort and Cailee Allen they are getting the lights on and off for the teams.

## **RECREATION CENTER REPORT**

Jeff Kreill presented the Recreation Center Report.

- Alicia McCracken has been on the job for 2 months is doing an outstanding job as Facility Manager to this point. She has been managing the VRC and Athletics.
- Our partnership with Premier Orthopedics is going well!
  - We are working towards expanding our relationship with Premier Health. Discussions are taking place about them providing a trainer 1x/wk at the VRC to provide injury evaluation to our members free of charge.
- Jim Frantz is a retired Springfield City School Superintendent and cornhole player extraordinaire. His cornhole playing career peaked in 2016 when he was a top 20 player in the country in the open division. He has played and beaten many players that you will watch on tournaments on ESPN. Jim has been throwing at the VRC 2x's/wk for years. As good of a cornhole player Jim is... he is an even better person. Today he showed his generosity by donating over \$600 worth of professional cornhole bags to our department (8 sets of bags).
- Swimming Lessons:

- We have completed our first Fall session of lessons. Lessons ran from September 18 through October 11 for Tuesday and Thursday classes. The next Tuesday and Thursday session of Lessons will begin October 26 and will end on November 8. Saturday morning lessons began September 22 and will end on November 10.
- We expect Rain Drop Products to return and complete the punch list of work on the feature. We will be holding final payment until we are completely happy

### **SENIOR CENTER REPORT**

Jeff Kreill presented the Senior Center Report.

- The annual bazaar was ultra-successful netting over \$6,000. Toni continues all of her post bazaar work, which includes thank you notes to all her sponsors, and ensuring all items that were won are delivered or picked-up.
- The WDTN Channel 2 News segment that aired on October 16 about our Van Tran program was awesome... way to go Dave Redic and Toni!
  - New Van Tran driver: Ed Lutz and hopefully John Stiers.
  - Current list of drivers includes
    - Doug Good
    - Judy Laughter
    - Ann Kaylor
    - Judy Rogers
    - Brenda Wilson
    - Gary Evans
    - Ed Lutz
    - John Stiers – currently on-boarding
    - Donna Shirley – does not drive. She handles administrative tasks.
- Larry Taylor inquired about the current membership numbers at the Senior Center. Jeff indicated membership is at 775. Discussion followed.

### **CASSEL HILLS POOL REPORT**

Jeff Kreill presented the Cassel Hills Pool Report.

- Concrete entrance work almost complete. Handicapped parking updates coming soon.
- Reassessing the policies and procedures for 2019 season.
- Dave Lewis inquired about the ADA status at CHP. Steve explained the entry is now ADA accessible as is the swimming pools and deck areas. The restroom/locker room areas currently do not meet ADA compliance. We currently have a sign on the outside of the building that indicates the facility is not fully accessible but we have a fully accessible facility at the Recreation Center. Discussion followed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Scott Herman field naming request. Serving as the Ad Hoc Committee, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members voted at the September 19 meeting to find more suitable options to recognize Mr. Herman's contributions to the youth sport programs.
  - Dave Lewis suggested coming up with two or three options for family to choose. Options to include commemorative tree, bench, plaque, equipment. Discussion followed. Steve will update the recommendation document for City Council and bring to the November meeting for signatures.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Naming Policy review and research. Steve explained Mayor Setzer's request to have the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board work with him to review and establish criteria for the naming of parks, facilities, amenities. Discussion followed. Steve will begin researching what criteria is used by other communities and bring examples to a future meeting for discussion.
- Steve provided the board with information about the department being honored by the Miami Valley Risk Management Association for Zero Losses in 2017. This was the third consecutive year the Parks and Recreation Department received this honor. Discussion followed.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dave Lewis made a motion to adjourn and Rick Scherer seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Larry Taylor, Vice Chairperson

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Rick Scherer, Secretary