

CITY OF VANDALIA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

May 16, 2018

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Larry Taylor, Rodney Washburn

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

Chairperson Lenny Maenza called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to order at 6:32 p.m.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting were presented to the board. Dave Lewis 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.

- Dan Morrow is our new Facility Maintenance Technician, replacing Jeff Kline who retired earlier this year.
- Cassel Hills Pool work is ongoing. The feature pool renovation has been delayed due to the inspection process through the State of Ohio.
- Ball field maintenance and game day preparation work is in full swing. Prepared for the Hank Owings field dedication event.
- Seasonal staff is doing a great job with the grass mowing, restroom cleaning and trash control.
- Landscape maintenance and clean up. Mulched beds at the following locations: entry way sign at 40 and Peters, Victory Park and are currently spraying for weed control in beds, around trees and fence lines.
- Assisted with and supplied equipment for use at the City Beautification event.

CITY TREE REPORT

Steve Clark presented the City Tree Report.

- Prepared for and had the Arbor Day tree-planting event. Passed out 300 Blue Spruce tree seedlings. An Espresso Kentucky Coffee tree was planted at Helke Park at this year's event.
- Three commemorative trees are being planted at Seger Park. The Lion's Club purchased the trees and will have a dedication ceremony on Saturday May 19 at 10 am. The trees selected are: Colorado Blue Spruce, Chinkapin Oak and Crimson King Norway Maple. We had lost 11 ash trees at this park. With the planting of these three trees, we have been able

to add 12 trees back to this park in just a few years with all trees coming from the Commemorative Tree Program or donation.

- Tree structural improvement pruning has taken place at several locations; Cassel Hills Pool, the Art Park and the Sports Complex.
- Applied Pre- Emergent herbicide to landscape beds during spring clean-up work at these areas.
- Mulched the Route 40 / Brown School Road corner landscape bed and the sign entry beds at Jeffers and Victory Parks.
- Weed Control in landscape beds and around the base of trees.

BEE CITY REPORT

Al Tuttle and Joe Dranschak presented the Bee City Report.

- Al participated in an Earth Day program. Dorothy Lane Market fundraiser brought in \$750 from sale of cookies shaped like bees. They also bought 20 seed packets to be able to distribute to those attending the event.
- Current seed packets are being divided into smaller packets to sell at Farmers Market this summer. Plan to have a table at Farmers Market.
- 8th grade boy wants to volunteer at Historical Society this summer. Joe is working with him to come up with a plan.
- Planted two trees on grounds of Historical Society, one to commemorate Butler Townships Bicentennial and the other in honor of Helen Lawson.
- Wright Patterson is planning at June 20 Pollinator event. Al and Joe will be at the event to present and have a table to promote Bee City USA.

RECREATION REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Recreation Report.

- We are conducting our Corporate Challenge captains meeting on Friday, May 18. The same 14 teams that participated last year are once again participating this year. Corporate Challenge is June 3-8.
 - Adare Pharmaceuticals (27th year)
 - City of Vandalia (25th year)
 - Crossroads Rehab & Nursing (9th Year)
 - FedEx Ground (3rd year)
 - GE Aviation (11th year)
 - GE Aviation - TDI (4th year)
 - Inteva Products (8th year)
 - Johnson Electric (25th year)
 - Kentner Sellers (28th year)
 - Orthopedic Associates (2nd year)
 - PSA Airlines, Inc (29th year)
 - Superior Abrasives (2nd year)
 - Vandalia Butler City Schools (20th year)
 - Waibel Energy Systems (8th year)

Thanks to the following Corporate Challenge sponsors:

- Titan Graphics
- Steve Reed State Farm Insurance
- Johnson Electric
- Kentner Sellers
- Dominoes
- Beckstrom Orthodontics
- PSA Airlines
- GE Aviation
- Lasting Impressions
- Edward Jones Financial

- Recent successful Programs;
 - Kids Night Out
 - Kids Home Alone
 - Magical Mermaid Party
 - Homeschool Takeover

- CampRec staff training is in full swing. Enrollment is close to maxing out.
- Our Spring Pickleball Tournament sold out (6.5 - 16 teams). Cancelled today and plan to conduct the tournament tomorrow morning May 17 at 9:00am. Thanks to Crossroads Nursing & Rehab for supplying bananas, drinks and stacks
- Star Spangled Celebration: July 3. Six vendors have responded to date.
- Staff attended Harassment/Anti-Bullying Training at the Senior Center on Wednesday May 9.

ATHLETICS REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Athletics Report.

- Baseball/Softball
 - Opening Day was a little chilly, but we were successful in getting games in. This past Saturday was perfect weather wise and the season is moving right along.
 - We will begin forming all-star teams in the Boys G, Girls G, F leagues, and B-minor soon.
 - Start Smart began last week and we had a great night and turnout for the first evening. We will meet again this Wednesday and we have pictures. We have 73 kids enrolled in Start Smart this year.
 - 2018 Baseball/softball sponsors.
 - Beau Townsend Ford/Nissan
 - Beckstrom Orthodontics
 - Heeter Plumbing
 - Christy's Pizza
 - Cooper's Blacktop
 - Dayton Children's
 - Morton & Whetstone Funeral Home
 - My Favorite Pet Animal Clinic
 - Sister Cities of Vandalia
 - Keller Williams Realty- Amy Stamps
 - Bockrath Flooring

- Fricker's
 - J & L Wood Products
 - Service Master Disaster Restore
 - Meerkat Construction
 - Prather Automotive
 - Spieles Insurance
 - Vaughn Interior Concepts
- We were able to help 10 youth in the community by using the Youth Sport Scholarship fund and helping with registration costs so the kids have a chance to play!
 - Soccer and NFL Flag Football registration is underway. Flyers will be going to the schools before school lets out!
 - Youth Tennis:
 - We are once again collaborating with both Schroeder Tennis and Dayton Center Courts to offer lessons again at Helke Park. This was a huge success last year. We are looking forward to the program growing this year!
 - Girls Youth Volleyball is back for 2nd-6th graders. Nice to be able to offer that again to our community! Thanks to Coach Shawn for resurrecting youth volleyball camp!
 - The VRC will begin registration today for the Josh Betts Youth Football Camp. Alicia has been working with the new football coach, John Puckett with registration.
 - Adult Athletics
 - Softball leagues began last week. We could not play Coed on Friday night due to the Thorguard malfunction so we will add that week to the end of the season.
 - We will not be having the Coed Kickball league this season. Not get enough teams enrolled.

RECREATION CENTER REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Recreation Center Report.

- During an after hour gymnasium rental, a male participant went into cardiac arrest while playing basketball. His heart was not beating when the situation was assessed, but thanks to the quick response from our very own John Ross and another basketball participant, chest compressions and AED were administered. With these tools, John and the Good Samaritan were able to start the gentlemen's heart again before EMS arrived on the scene. The doctors told him that he is very lucky because only 5% of those who experience the same medical situation survive. They attribute his survival to the quick response and immediate use of chest compressions and AED. Please join me in giving John Ross the kudos he deserves...he helped save a man's life! John will be recognized at May 21 City Council meeting and will receive a 'Live Saving' award. All are invited to attend.
- Thanks to Kim Hanahan and the Fire Department for their continual CPR/AED training of our staff!
- We are currently conducting two surveys at the VRC:
 - VRC opening time. We are collecting responses to the survey from two different sources, online with Survey Monkey and paper survey at the Rec. We will keep the results separate. Through six days, 51% of respondents would like to see us open at an earlier time.
 - Lydia inquired as to whether the aquatics center would open early and Jeff explained why we are not including aquatics as part of the survey

- (lack of lifeguards). Lydia also inquired how long the survey would last and Jeff indicated a couple of weeks.
 - Tara expressed that she was surprised that more would not want an earlier opening time. Discussion followed.
 - The Board felt 50% is a good response to open early at this point in time.
 - Sunday Pickleball. We are collecting responses on whether to offer pickleball times at the VRC on Sunday mornings, prior to opening.
 - Lydia expressed that she feels opening the workout area early would be something patrons would want, as many do not like the noon opening time on Sunday. She felt opening for Pickleball could create issues and the appearance of catering to Pickleball. Discussion followed.
 - Dave Lewis felt staffing on Sunday morning would be difficult although from a patron standpoint it would not be bad. Discussion followed.
- Recent Health Fairs that staff participated in:
 - Projects Unlimited
 - Superior Abrasives
 - Triad Technologies
- The signs arrived for Premier Orthopedics sponsorship of the Gymnasium. SpeedPro installed the window decals on the top windows by the Fitness Desk on April 26. Our staff will be hanging the rest of the signs soon.
- On May 1st, the VRC began its College Student Special promotion - College students receive the youth rate on a 3-month membership and a free 10-visit punch card to utilize during their fall/winter break. The special runs May 1 - June 30.
- Pickleball Ladder League was a great success! Players and are asking for more leagues in the future.
- Second round Custodial Supervisor interviews were conducted today. Three candidates qualified to move to round two. One of them withdrew their name for consideration.
- The Bruce Sucher dedication ceremony on Thursday April 19 at the VRC was a great event and well attended. Thanks to all those that attended. Larry Taylor did an outstanding presentation. Thanks to Larry, The City Council and Steve Clark for making this day a reality.
- A new Pickleball Procedure to assist with the set-up and clean-up times of the Pickleball group will be implemented by the end of the month. Sarah will be training her staff along with our Pickleball liaison, Mike Seaman, on the new policy.
- Healthways SilverSneaker Visits

○ April 2018	April 2017
3,911	2,892
- We have architectural plans for backstroke flags from Shell & Meyer. We are in the process of getting install quotes. We hope to complete the install during shut down this year.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Senior Center Report.

- We had approximately 150 participants at the 3rd Annual Senior Day Carnival on Wednesday, May 2, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. The event was very well run and enjoyed by all!

Sponsors

Medigold, Stonespring, Cypress Pointe, Springmeade, Brookdale, Brookdale Home Health, Genesis Troy Healthcare, Crossroads Rehab, Brookhaven, Siena Woods, StoryPoint of Troy, Elder Care Connection, Spring Hills, Singing Woods, Spring Hills Home Care, Springfield Masonic Community, Grace Hospice, Randall Residence, Friendship Village, Crossroads Investment Planning, Jordan Peterson Edward Jones, Hospice of Dayton, Seniors Helping Seniors, Home Instead, Bella Care Hospice, Earzlink, Senior Helpers, Thrivent, Zois Financial, Capital Health, Mill Ridge, Danbury, Arby's, Hock's, Frickers of Vandalia, Pizza Hut, Airline Dairy Crème, Rite Aid, Super Subby's, Katie's Hallmark, Christy's, Jim's Donuts, Marion's Pizza, Chick-Fil-A, UDF, Dayton Dragons, Dayton History/Carillon Park, Submarine House, Golden Corral, Longhorn Steakhouse, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Cold Stone Creamery, Frisch's, Skyline Chili, O'Charley's, Subway by Miller Lane, Fazolio's, Papa John's, Cousin Vinny's Pizza, Meijers, Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm, Frickers on Miller Lane, Smashburger, Sam's Club.

- On Thursday and Friday last week, thank-you letters were sent to the twenty-seven sponsors who donated a prize to the Carnival including the nineteen of those who participated in the Carnival. During those same days, another six were emailed or faxed to companies that donated coupons or gift cards to the event. (That is also how the donations were requested. They were received by mail.) On Friday and Monday, Toni hand delivered another twenty-four thank-you letters to area business managers and thanked them personally. It was enjoyable to watch their faces light up when they realized they were being thanked for being a part of a large, successful community event.
- There are already businesses talking about donating to and participating in next year's Carnival!

CASSEL HILLS POOL REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Cassel Hills Pool Report.

- Opening Day is Saturday, May 19
 - Managerial staff:
 - Tyler Brannon
 - Reilly Harrington
 - Sarah Hartley
 - Kaitlyn 'Grace' Warner
 - Nic Seibert - sub
- Christy's will be back.
- Piranhas are back with over 100 swimmers.
- Kiddie Pool: We posted the following statement on our web site today:
 - We are excited about our Kiddie Pool renovations! Unfortunately, the work will not be completed on opening day (May 19) due to the cold weather in April and complying with state inspections. We are anticipating the updated Kiddie Pool will be ready to enjoy on Memorial Day or shortly thereafter. We apologize for the inconvenience.

- Currently our thoughts are to not provide refunds. What are the thoughts of Park Board if the Kiddie Pool is not open by June 5? Provide some type of refund?
 - Tara & Lydia suggested distributing free passes to members to bring friends during the summer.
 - Joe Dranschak suggested allowing patrons to swim at the VRC pool for free during the delay.
 - Discussion followed about the delay and notification of members.
- We received a complaint from the Department of Interior with ADA concerns. We hired Patrick Hansford to perform an evaluation of the facility. Patrick is an architect with over 25 years of experience in ADA compliance (Patrick Hansford Associate Architecture and Planning). Patrick completed his evaluation, submitted it to us and is now working on a transition plan.

OLD BUSINESS

- Steve shared with the board the Hank Owings Field dedication ceremony was held on May 5 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sports Complex, field #8. The event was well attended and Hank was very touched by the honor. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Steve notified the board that a field-naming request has been submitted and once Council discusses at their June meeting the board may be asked by the Mayor to serve as the Ad Hoc Committee to review the request and make a recommendation. The board may need to meet in July to review this item.
- Tara Landis indicated that Patty Huber, Cheer Advisor at Butler, was working to coordinate a Color Run event that would go through the Art Park but needed some assistance on how to coordinate with the city. Jeff plans to contact Patty to explain the permit process. Discussion followed.
- Joe Dranschak – Historical Society grounds will be open for the Art Park event on June 2.
- Dave Lewis made a motion the Advisory Board not meet in the summer months (June, July, August) unless action is required. Rick Scherer seconded the motion and the motion carried with all ayes.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dave Lewis made a motion to adjourn and Lydia Baker seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Lenny Maenza, Chairperson

Rick Scherer, Secretary