

CITY OF VANDALIA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

September 19, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Lewis, Lenny Maenza, Lydia Baker, Tara Landis, Larry Taylor, Rodney Washburn

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rick Scherer

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

Chairperson Lenny Maenza called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to order at 6:20 p.m.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the May 16, 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

Rudy Wells presented the Park Maintenance Report.

- Removal of the existing concrete entry walk at Cassel Hills Pool. Thanks to Public Works for allowing our staff to borrow the backhoe and concrete saw. This walkway was original to the pool and in need of replacement. The contractor will be updating this area this fall and we look forward to much-improved function of the space and overall look for next year's pool season.
- Cassel Hills Pool shutdown work has begun. The Funbrella canvas covers have been removed, diving boards removed, and the pools are being drained down.
- Installed and removed barricades, etc. used for the Oktoberfest event. Thanks to Public Works for placing the barricades along Stonequarry. We will begin making repairs to turf damage in the near future now that the teardown is complete.
- Mowing is going strong and we have painted soccer field lines weekly due to the rain and turf growth.
- The LED Lighting install at the Municipal Building and Station 2 is complete. There are a few items at the municipal Building that will be taken care of by the contractor.
- Staff assisted with an IT project at Station 2 – security cameras.
- Contractor worked on cleaning the stormwater drain in the Municipal building basement. They will return with a more aggressive attachment in an attempt to remove additional calcium build up from the drain line. We have seen some improvement in water flow through this line but need more in order to prevent the ongoing problems associated with heavy rainfall.
- Minor electrical and plumbing repairs as needed.
- Removed the Farmer's Market seasonal signage and put the portable picnic tables in storage.
- Installed clay bricks in the batter's boxes (right hand) on field # 6 and 9 at Sports Complex.

CITY TREE REPORT

Rudy Wells presented the City Tree Report.

- Thanks to Public Works for bringing their loader to Robinette Park to remove a partially fallen tree along the pathway. Use of the loader made for a quick removal and cleanup.
- Watering of young trees as soil conditions require. Seasonal staff placed water bags on our young trees and used the water truck to aid these trees through the dry spells.
- Removal of low limbs from young trees and some structural pruning work.
- Pruning of landscape plant material in our parks and at our City facilities. Weed control in landscape beds and pavers.

BEE CITY REPORT

Joe Dranschak presented the Bee City Report.

- Al Tuttle promoted Bee City program at the Farmers Market over the summer. He distributed information and had seed packets available for purchase.
- Tom Hertlein planted 36 rows of Sunflower seed on the south side of Hertlein Road in Vandalia.
- Al and Joe participated in the Wright Patterson Air Force Base Pollinator Event in June, representing Vandalia Bee City program. They have been invited back for next year's event.
- Historical Society looking to add Pollinator gardens next to the bridge between the Society grounds and the Art Park.
- Joe shared a picture of a Pollinator Habitat sign with the board.

RECREATION REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Recreation Report.

- The 30th Annual Corporate Challenge successfully concluded on June 8th with PSA Airlines winning the title. Thanks to staff and volunteers for all their help to ensure another great Corporate Challenge.
- Our Star Spangled Celebration competed with rain and storms this year. Fortunately, the storm subsided and we were able to have the fireworks show but the entertainment was cancelled. Several vendors left while some stayed. Those that stayed were busy once the rain let up.
- Camp Rec had another extremely successful year! Most days were sold out.
 - Camp had their 2nd annual Lemonade Stand on Thursday, August 2 from 9-11a and 1-5p. We smashed our goal of 250 canned good and collected 350 canned goods. We also collected \$126 to donate to the Vandalia Food Pantry as well.
 - Field trips every Wednesday.
 - Many thanks to Beau Townsend Larry Taylor providing vans.
 - Went to Skate World 3 times. Many thanks to Charlie at Skate World for accommodating our Campers. Sometimes on short notice!
 - Lice outbreak at the end of the year: Thanks to Total Lice Removal for assistance.
- Crossroads 5K (Advanced Running Project) just beat the rain! 305 registered. Many compliments on the course. One citizen complained that it was too loud.
- Successful programs
 - Top Chef – Appetizers, Dessert
- Upcoming Programs;

- Zoom Around the Room starts on September 7 and will run through December 21 from 10-11a. John will be handing the setup and tear down of this program.
- Homeschool Takeover will be held on Friday, September 28 from 11:30a-2p.
- Kids Night Out: October 5. 6:00-9:45. 40 max, we have 35 signed up.
- Linda Sheline has confirmed the Lion's Club Parade for Monday, October 29.
- Christmas Tree Lighting is Sunday, December 2. John Schmidt has been confirmed as Santa for the this year.
- Fall Festival – October 20

ATHLETICS REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Athletics Report.

- Baseball/Softball - 545 participants,
 - Larry Taylor inquired how the youth baseball and soccer participation numbers compare to past years. Jeff explained the numbers have dropped in recent years but the decline has slowed more recently. Discussion followed concerning the community demographics and school district numbers.
- Slugfest Baseball Tournament had 29 teams participate.
- Rec Tournament (Tournament of Champions) 19 teams
 - Homerun Derby was a hit! (88 entries)
- Windmill 25 teams participated.
- All-Star Classic games were a hit! We will play the games again under the lights and Dominos provided pizzas for the event again.
- NFL Flag Football – 137 participants playing on Sunday afternoons.
- Soccer – 400 participants.
- Middle School Tennis 22 participants/
- Girls Youth Volleyball Camp is back for 2nd-6th graders. 22 participants. Nice to be able to offer that again to our community after a two-year hiatus. Thanks to Coach Shawn for resurrecting youth volleyball camp!
- Pickleball continues to be a hit at Helke Park and inside the VRC/
- Adult Athletics
 - Men's summer softball 11 teams. Coed summer softball 11 teams.
 - Cancelled Coed Kickball league for the 2nd season in a row. Not get enough teams enrolled.
 - Fall Men's softball has 8 teams. Fall Coed softball has 6 teams.

RECREATION CENTER REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Recreation Center Report.

- Personnel Updates
 - Alicia McCracken – Facility Manager (Elaine Wittman has become the Assistant to the City Manager in for the City of Clayton)
 - Jack Marshall – Head Custodian
 - Brett Barnett – Full-time Custodian
 - Brittany Oliver resigned over the summer to student teach and pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a teacher. Second round interviews will take place tomorrow September 19.

- Athletic Manager: Since Alicia moved to the Facility Manager position, we will need to fill her vacant position. We hope to start interviews in the coming week.
- Recent Health Fairs that staff participated in:
 - Superior Abrasives
 - Triad
 - Dayton Freight
 - Johnson Electric
- We hosted the Anthem Health Fair at the VRC on Sept 6. We received 16 new SilverSneakers members during that time.
- Group Fitness classes have been extremely successful! Topped off with Robert Chandler's 1,000th Zumba class!
- Senior Incentive Winners: \$50.00 Kroger Gift Card
 - Angela Seifker - August
 - Rosemary Buckner - July
 - Dick Welch - June
 - Suzanne Allen - May
- Our partnership with Premier Orthopedics is going well!
 - Speaker Presentations: **Dr. Klosterman** came and spoke at the VRC about 'Overcoming Joint Pain' on June 27. **Dr. McCoy** presented today, 'How You Can Benefit from Kinesio Tape, Myofascial Release, Foam Rolling'.
- Pool shut-down
 - Freshly painted walls
 - Backstroke flags
 - New feature
 - Regular cleaning and maintenance
- With the start of school brings us to a very difficult time for Steve Trick to staff the pool during the day. If you know of anyone who would like to lifeguard during the day, please send them to us!
- Swim team is back at the VRC practicing.
- Swim lessons are underway. We are now offering individual swim lessons.
- Healthways SilverSneaker Visits continue to increase on a monthly basis.
- Increases in Birthday party and room rental rates are currently being researched.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Senior Center Report.

- Senior Bazaar is Saturday, October 6
- New Van Tran driver: Gary Davis.
- Van Tran continues to provide a record number of trips. Van Tran has now been in existence for TEN years and Doug Good has driven for ALL 10 years! He is moving to Michigan to be closer to family in early October. Doug will be missed!
- The number of outstanding speakers for lunch and Learns continues to be remarkable. Toni continues to bring in great sponsors that provide quality food for events along with other resources.

CASSEL HILLS POOL REPORT

Jeff Kreill presented the Cassel Hills Pool Report.

- 23,000 visitors came to CHP this season. That is up 5,000 from the past two years.
- Kiddie Pool: The updated kiddie pool was completed and opened to the public the last couple weeks of the season. The process took much longer than expected.
 - a. Refunds: We are providing a \$25 department gift card for any individual that inquires and qualifies (children 4 years old and younger).
- Thanks to Christy's for another outstanding season!!
 - Jeff shared his concern that Christy's may not return to operate the concession next year. Discussion followed.
- Piranhas swim team had another great season.
- Cassel Hills Pool Bash June 15 from 7:30-9:30p for grades 5-8. We had 58 kids attend the event.
- We had minimal water clarity issues this season.
- Front entrance to facility project is underway. New concrete entry with accessible ramp and new handicap parking spots being added.
- ADA Sign at CHP:
 - 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

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Joe Dranschak mentioned the VB School District Homecoming Parade will be Thursday, October 4 and the schools are reaching out to community groups to participate in the event. The Historical Society is planning to be part of the parade.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Larry Taylor made a motion to adjourn and Dave Lewis seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Lenny Maenza, Chairperson

Rick Scherer, Secretary