

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

**September 17, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Meredith Leslie, Lenny Maenza, Bob Costello, Bud Zupp, Dave Brusman, and Lydia Baker

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Larry Taylor

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Arlene Setzer, Melissa Pruszynski, Steve Clark, Rudy Wells, Donna Fiori, and Jeff Kreill

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairperson Meredith Leslie at 6:31pm. Mayor Setzer swore in Meredith Leslie, Lenny Maenza, Bob Costello, Bud Zupp, Dave Brusman, and Lydia Baker.

The minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting were presented. Bud Zupp made a motion to accept the minutes as typed Lenny Maenza seconded the motion. Motion carried, all aye.

**COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS**

Meredith Leslie welcomed citizen Tony Sanders. Mr. Sanders commented on what a great job the Park Board is doing and hopes to participate in the future.

**PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Rudy presented the Park Maintenance Report. Seasonal employees have been busy this summer with mowing, trash pick-up, and restrooms among other projects. Aerifying will take a couple of weeks to complete. Cassel Hills Pool turf area being worked on to remove and prevent clover. Banners have been installed at the front of the Sports Complex. Art Park trail preparation is underway and ¼ mile of it should be completed this fall. Steve presented an architect design of the Art Park and discussed features and proposed plans. Meredith Leslie inquired as to what material the art pieces would be made of. Rudy stated he will bring the website to the next meeting to see what types of art are offered at other parks from the company that will be providing the pieces. Bob Costello asked if the area would be fenced in which Rudy indicated it would not. Meredith inquired what the status is on the dog station at Copperfield Park. Rudy stated they have to modify the trash receptacles there in order to get it installed and it is being worked on.

**CITY TREE REPORT**

Rudy delivered the City Tree Report. Crews have only had to water trees twice due to the amount of rainfall this summer. Ash trees are dying, most are in some stage of decline. Crews have been taking down and cleaning up dead trees and will continue into the fall

and winter. Helke Park woods will need to have a tree company come in to take down some of the trees, by doing this in the fall or winter pricing is typically better. This process will continue for the next 3 – 4 years. 26 trees have been ordered from the nursery 19 of those for the golf course three are commemorative trees. They will be planted in November. Pruning will be done on Dixie and National Roads. Dave Brusman inquired about what lingering effect there had been on the trees being stressed last winter. Rudy feels the loss of some evergreens, and stress of some crabapple trees at the Sports Complex is a result from this past winter.

### **RECREATION ATHLETICS REPORT**

Jeff presented the athletics report. Alicia will attend the Park Board meeting in November to discuss baseball, softball, and soccer. The Third Annual All Star Classic was a huge success. This event is for kids who have shown great sportsmanship and effort in baseball and softball; Dominos provides 50 pizzas for the event. Baseball numbers were down this year which is part of the trend to fluctuate up and down from year to year. Jeff stated they are looking into ways to help the trend in numbers to go up. Bob Costello inquired about Little League affiliation. Steve indicated that Hank Owings has looked into it in the past and could provide the pros and cons of the potential affiliation. Bob Costello offered the suggestion of having open fields for baseball in which kids could show up and play ball. Further discussion occurred. Jeff acknowledged with thanks all the Varsity Coaches that have run camps through the summer including volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, and soccer to name a few. Tennis lessons were offered by Dayton Center Courts and Schroeder Tennis through Parks and Recreation. Adult athletics had 27 softball teams participate this summer, currently Men's Monday night and Co-Ed Friday night league is running with 21 teams participating. Flag football is underway with the playoffs scheduled for the first time at the High School stadium. Punt Pass and Kick will be this Friday at the High School behind the bleachers in conjunction with the High School Varsity football game which is a first and hopefully will generate more interest in the event.

### **RECREATION CENTER**

Jeff reported the fitness studio and gym floors have been refinished along with a new free weight floor. The women's and special needs locker room shower hardware have been replaced due to issues with water pressure, no hot water coming out, and handles were stripped. Heeter Plumbing completed the work and was very helpful in finding the most economical replacements that could be worked on in-house if repairs are needed in the future with parts that are easily accessible. Two week aquatic shut down of the VRC pool during which painting, cleaning, grate replacements along with other maintenance have been completed. The possibility of getting TRX facilities inside the fitness room at the Recreation Center is being researched and possibly outdoor TRX amenities. Positions are available for instructors in yoga, swimming, and spinning as well as lifeguards. The Fall Program Guide is complete and have been mailed out. In an effort to cut costs the Recreation Center will be eliminating having an actual program guide printed and mailed. The Winter Program guide will be the last one printed and mailed notifying citizens that

future guides will be available online or by mail on a request only basis. Steve Trick has coordinated with Greg Bergman on the scheduling of the High School Swim Team practices and our programs. Healthways/SilverSneakers has brought in close to \$14,000 in revenue over a 4 month period. Meredith inquired if this amount was enough to off-set the number of memberships we no longer have, which Jeff indicated yes it is.

Jeff presented the financial report for the Recreation Center using the chart below.

<b>Month to Date Comparison - August</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Difference +/-</b>
• <b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$69,603</b>	<b>\$72,101</b>	<b>+\$2,498</b>
• <b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$149,631</b>	<b>\$146,125</b>	<b>-\$3,506</b>
• <b>Cost Recovery %</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>49.3%</b>	<b>+2.8%</b>
• <b>Daily Admissions</b>	<b>\$8,431</b>	<b>\$9,096</b>	<b>+\$665</b>
• <b>Memberships</b>	<b>\$40,209</b>	<b>\$43,852</b>	<b>+\$3,643</b>

  

<b>Year to Date Comparison Through August</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Difference +/-</b>
• <b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$759,134</b>	<b>\$770,482</b>	<b>+\$11,348</b>
• <b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$923,303</b>	<b>\$912,215</b>	<b>-\$11,088</b>
• <b>Cost Recovery %</b>	<b>82.2%</b>	<b>84.5%</b>	<b>+2.3%</b>
• <b>Daily Admissions</b>	<b>\$106,515</b>	<b>\$115,064</b>	<b>+\$8,549</b>
• <b>Memberships</b>	<b>\$401,230</b>	<b>\$407,415</b>	<b>+\$6,185</b>

**PROGRAM REPORT**

Jeff delivered the program report using the chart below.

<b>Programs</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>Program Dates</b>
Princess Tea Party	Completed	10	\$129.00	\$30.00	\$99.00	5/24/2014
CAMP REC	Completed	134	\$57,952.99	\$32,388.15	\$25,564.84	06/02-08/15
Book Exchange	Completed	Over 200 books	0	0	0	6/26/2014
University of Dayton Cheerleading Camp	Completed	23	\$1,075.00	\$1000.00	\$75.00	8/04-8/08
Speaker Series – Lonnie Hathaway and Lenny Maenza	Completed	50+	0	0	0	8/28
Grandparents Day Celebration	Completed	5	\$75.00	\$30.00	\$45.00	9/7
Touch a Truck	Completed	300+	0	0	0	9/13

Programs	Status	Participants	Revenue	Expenditures	Net Revenue	Program Dates
STEM Classes	Upcoming					
Jumping Beans & Jumping Sprouts	Upcoming					9/10-10/22
Homeschool Takeover	Upcoming					9/26/2014
Imagination Creation	Upcoming					10/01-10/22
Costume Exchange	Upcoming					10/02/2014
Fall Festival of Fun	Upcoming					10/11/2014
Attack the Stack	Upcoming					10/15/2014

Jeff indicated Brittany has continually reflected and improved on programs, and is currently investigating an after school program for Morton Middle School students in which retired teachers would be involved. Steve stated Mr. Neavin would like to talk about the potential of this program. Jeff recognized Lenny Maenza and Lonnie Hathaway on the outstanding job done with their speaker series. Jeff presented the following Fitness Program Updates.

**Fitness Programs**

- Yoga w/ Connie new fall session 10/09-11/13 6:45pm & 8:00pm
- Gentle Yoga fall session Wednesdays 10/08-11/12 1:00-2:15pm
- Great in 8! Sundays starting October 5-November 23 10:45am-11:45am
- Tuesdays through October 14<sup>th</sup> Kids KBC (Kickboxing Bootcamp) Fitness 5:00-5:50pm
- Wednesdays through October 15<sup>th</sup> Beginning Walking Program 5:30pm-6:20pm
- **FREE** Yoga week 9/22-9/26 all yoga classes are free to anyone ages 15 and up to celebrate National Yoga month!

**OLD BUSINESS**

Steve presented projects/ items planned and completed in the Vision 2020 Plan as well as potential additions. Discussion occurred. Lenny Maenza made a motion to add the proposed projects/items to the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. Meredith Leslie Seconded the motion. Motion carried, all aye.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lydia Baker introduced herself as the newest Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member. Lydia serves on the Vision 2020 committee, has been involved with the Recreation Center for a long time with her children, and she and her husband have been citizens of Vandalia their whole life. All welcomed Lydia to the Board.

Steve discussed a staff retreat held at Carriage Hill Metro Park this past spring at which time each department within Parks and Recreation developed their own Mission

Statements. These Mission Statements have been made into individual signs for each department to hang in their areas as a reminder of what they do every day.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Dave Brusman made a motion to adjourn and Meredith Leslie seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried, all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

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Meredith Leslie, Chairperson

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Bob Costello, Secretary

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