



Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2015

Call to order by Tom Herman at **1810**

Attendance taken by roll call: Tom Herman, John Roach, Joseph F. Shucofsky, Paul Wojnar, Ron Benko and Joe Brown present. No public present for meeting.

### Directors Report

The director started by going over the monthly manager's report (MMR), which was a handout. This report is something that is sent to the Mayor monthly, which reflects what's going on through the facility and or department. This report goes through the following:

- Membership
- Financial highlights for both revenues and expenditures
- Personal changes
- Programming highlights
- Aquatics
- Building Maintenance
- Special events
- Parks

The director went through all these items as they reflect on the MMR and then opened it up for questions:

Several commission members asked about the Paladin process (Facility sound system)

- Director stated that we have spent just over \$9k on fixes/updates to the system over the past several months and we are hopeful that the system will be functional by mid-April. Discussed what was wrong and how it was fixed. Director reported that we are looking to add to the facility in FY16.
- Director was asked about the rentals in the building: Director goes through the hiring/bringing back of the PTE (Rental Coordinator) whom works (15-25 hrs) per week. This position is vital to holding successful rentals within our facility and parks. Works alongside the recreation program coordinator

The director reported the hiring of Liann Cox to Recreation Program Coordinator for aquatics, rentals, and special events. Liann comes to us from the City of Massillon. Liann really stood out in the process which, consisted of two interviews and a work simulation. During the last interview, we had the entire finalist group interview together and work on the work simulation together. We are elated to have Liann on board and part of the team. To summarize Liann she has a great innovative mind and will add structure and discipline to our natatorium, which is largely lacking.

We are also already working on a recreational swim team...putting the details together now. We have also started to have dialogue with a new scuba shop that is coming to town.

## Moved into miscellaneous items:

1. Field turf and electric update: Pre-con meeting tomorrow @ 0800 here at the Gemini. This mtg we will go through the entire process and all that are involved. This process will take (30) days from start to be complete. Projected to start May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - o Director asked for commission opinion on logo(s) being added to the football field. We could a). Do nothing with it and not put logo down b). Add American Flag c). Add recreation logo within field. We had built this cost into the field turf, but have yet to hear from potential sponsor so what would you all envision on this cost that is already built into the turf cost?
    - Commission members didn't have an absolute answer on this question/Members looked at the Recreation logo and discussed how that would look on the field
    - Commissioner Benko suggested spending the monies on other areas of the turf design
    - Commissioner Shucofsky mentioned/asked if we are planning to fix the goal posts and the director said yes we are planning to coordinate with a goal post company to secure/fix
    - Director asked commission how they would feel about locking up the track/field turf to protect the facility from open play/usage. Several members spoke on behalf of keeping the facility open and unsecure
    - Commissioner Shucofsky brought up that the facility wasn't sold the idea with this stadium being locked up, but open to all within the community
    - Director mentioned that this question/usage was placed into the needs assessment, so we should receive some good quantified data
    - After the pre-con they will seek final approval of rendering, which after approval they take (21) days to create the turf prior to install.
2. Kent State and the needs assessment update: We have (500) surveys thus far. We are sending this survey out to the local sport associations, etc. Commissioner Wojnar asked why/how he was timed out...director Brown told him that he should re-take the survey on a different computer.
3. Spring Fling occurred this past Saturday we had 145 people come through the doors and the comments were all very positive.
4. Concession update: Leah our concessioner will begin April 6<sup>th</sup>

Individual Park Report(s) as assigned

### **Individual Park Reports:**

**Herman:** Lighting is an issue within the park...needs lighting. Irrigation flags are out at TCP. All the corners on parking lot areas are all mud/need t be filled in as it looks sloppy.

**Benko:** No report on Bohlken

**Wojnar:** Morton-No report (Discussed the trees on splash pad and where they are going)

**Shucofsky:** Grannis –No report / Looks the same

**Roach: No report-** Discussed youth association party on March 14<sup>th</sup> / No report

\*\*Several members asked about the SE corner of green space at Morton Park and what are some thoughts with this space...could see this as soccer/flag football space. Commission member Benko asked if we knew the boundaries and if we have pins set, etc....No we do not and developing that space would require identifying right/left limit.

We discussed re-development of Morton Park and perhaps how we could make more programmable space within this park.

Commission member Roach mentioned that when the weather breaks perhaps we can conduct a commission drive through all of our parks.

**Board of Education (Mr. Shucofsky):** Schools officially sold coffinberry property for \$435,000.00, state of the schools here @ Gemini Center next week at 1830. Nothing further

**Council Report (Wojnar):** Mike Fink promoted to LT, Mike Anderson is retiring, passed budget appropriations along with field turf and electric upgrades.

**Recognition of Visitors – none**

**Adjournment: 1915**

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