

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes December 21, 2022

Call to order at 6:00 pm by Duke Schaefer

In Attendance: Greg Burger, Erin Hinkel, Eric Hoskin, Duke Schaefer and Kerry Kemp

Absent: John Roach

Meeting Minutes:

No changes were requested for the minutes presented on November 16, 2022. Minutes approved.

Police Chief Paul Sheppard Parks and Recreation Safety Overview

- Predominately calls to service were for lockouts, graffiti, etc. When the rec first opened, thefts were typical. Calls of physical threats have not had many. Might have some disturbances
- Research indicates that active shooters at rec centers are more one on one and not of mass nature
- Upgrading of cameras and alarms is really good.
- Communication within departments has been really good.
- Active shooter training is in the works.
- Discussion of bullet resistant glass has taken place and deemed not necessary.
- Stress the "See something, say something" mentality.
- Idea discussed to educate members where exits are, evacuation plans, in case of event. Newsletter or membership packet could be used.
- FPPD actively training with neighboring communities. Westshore partners using a newly closed school to train for a week in April. This will help all departments get on same page with training.
- Grannis Park and all park security question was asked and discussed. Cameras and lighting at the parks would help with stopping vandalism or catching "fools." Discussion on Grannis road suspect apprehension.
- 2023 budget year requests from more cameras for parks to continue to build upon what we have at the Gemini Center
- 2023 Goal is to review and revamp Emergency Action Plan for FPRD, working with FPPD and FPFDD.

Directors Report (Kerry Kemp)

Financial Updates

- Revenue & Expense Summary YTD vs 2021 TYD
- Programming on the rise. Youth participation higher than ever before
- D Schaefer: anything coming up that may be unexpected? Can general fund money be allocated to the pool?
- Pool had no impact on Cleveland Clinic lease. CC has shifted operations to make up for lack of pool.
- Pool discussion on revenues, expenses. D. Schaefer asked if revenues cover the costs of maintenance, chemicals, etc.

Gemini Center & Facility Updates

- Security Cameras discussion related to emergency exits and gym incidents
- Bain Park Restroom Update: some spring work needed for completion. Restroom is winterized and will open in the spring
- Pool:

- Survey
 - Survey response was 1,400 as of today.
 - Data has not been looked at yet. Looking forward to seeing the results.
 - Survey due Friday Dec 23
 - Results will be shared at a council meeting
- Pool options:
 - North Olmsted use begins on Jan. 3. It will cost \$3/use, invoiced to the FPRD.
 - Membership options available at Westlake and Rocky River
 - Discussion: Should we provide GC membership extension/discount for those that purchase Westlake or Rocky River or we keep have 3 options available: NO, purchase a membership at WL or RR or put GC membership on a hold
 - Discussion was to go with 3 options: NO, memberships at WL/RR or membership hold
- Discussion
 - Pool uses at WL and RR are predominately from everyday swimmers accounting for large majority of 700 pool uses per month
 - Are we promoting learn to swim and other programs at RR and WL? No, each facility can promote them. Maybe add in our brochure swim lesson options at other sites?
 - D. Schaefer: who is ultimately making decisions on what we do moving forward. Mayor proposes and council votes on it. The big thing is finding out if people want a pool or not.
 - Need to think strategically of operations if reconstructed. Money for upgrades, staffing, etc.
- Gemini Center Holiday Hours
 - Christmas
 - Sat 12/24, 8am-1pm
 - Sun 12/25, closed
 - Mon 12/26, closed
 - New Years
 - Sat 12/31, 8am-4pm
 - Sun 1/1, closed
 - Mon 1/2, 10am-4pm
- Discussing plans if city endures a long lasting power outage with the weather coming this weekend

Programming Updates

- Youth Sports
 - PCA Workshop recap
 - Phil Argento Basketball Clinic Dec 27-28
 - Volleyball Champions Banquet Jan 5 – 2 championship teams
 - Basketball games begin Jan 7
- Youth Programs
 - Jump Start Sports Winter Camp Dec 22-23, 27-30
 - Track program planned for this summer with Jump Start Sports and possibly Coach Dahler
- Adult Group Fitness
 - No Classes Dec 27-Jan 2

Board of Education Report (Erin Hinkel)

- Last day of school for the year with a restart on Jan. 3 after winter break

Council Report (Greg Burger):

- Fire Department received a Grant for new radios compatible with new regional center
- FPFD also received new powered cots
- Coming next year: W 227 Bridge over Coe Creek closure and work
- New Service Garage (ARPA funding). Will allow for cleaning and maintenance of new sewer truck
- Next council meeting Jan. 9

Recognition of Visitors:

- Councilwoman Bridget King

Individual Park Report:

- E. Hinkel and G. Burger have switched parks with Hinkel taking Grannis and Burger taking Bohlken

Commissioner's exchange:

- E. Hoskin: FP Athletic Club hosting Warrior Wellness Summit on Jan. 9

Recognition of Visitors:

- Bridget King: no comments

Adjournment: 7:24 pm