

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes February 16, 2022

Call to order at 6:03 pm by John Roach

In Attendance: John Roach, Duke Schaefer, Erin Hoskin, Erin Hinkel, and Kerry Kemp

Absent: Bryan Simmerly

Meeting Minutes:

No changes were requested for the minutes presented on February 16, 2022

Directors Report (Kerry Kemp)

The financial & membership report was shared which included:

- This past week the Rec had their 2022 annual budget hearing where the following was discussed:
 - Challenges: Pool closure, staff limitations, and cardio equipment end of life
 - Highlights: Able to increase the rec fund balance by \$282,000, sport participation more than doubled from last year, building admittance has increased by 19% from last year, the Bohlken park path was completed, we received an ODNR grant for the Bain Park playground, 271 participants in our Summer Camp and 250 participants in our Safety Town
 - Increases in adult charges for programs and fitness classes
 - Rentals will remain the same
 - Brought in nearly \$300,000 in revenue from memberships (32% increase in revenue from memberships)
 - Increased special services expenses to replace courts 5 and 6 (tennis and pickle ball courts) at Tri-City Park
 - Tennis court reconstruction is split 4 ways between Fairview Park, Westlake, Rocky River, and the Rocky River City School District
 - Pickleball courts will be split 3 ways between Fairview Park, Westlake, and Rocky River
 - Bain Park Play Ground: Budgeted \$161,232 (likely a 2023 project, need to budget in 2022 and will be reimbursed when the project is completed)
 - Increasing the training and education budget to provide staff with more learning opportunities
 - Increasing building improvements by around \$64,000 to include Wi-Fi enhancements, security, the sound system, and revamping Studio 3
 - Equipment budget will increase by around \$25,000 (including the lease for our cardio equipment)
 - Park Improvements: Budgeting \$425,000 this year to upgrade Morton Park (repurposing the basketball court to be a tennis court)
 - 2023 Capital Plans: Bohlken basketball courts resurfacing, lower tennis courts at Morton, yearly cardio equipment expense, upgrading strength equipment, office area flooring and wall paper, sauna heater, wood court refinishing
 - 2024 Capital Plans: Bohlken Park playground, cardio equipment, pool bleachers and diving boards, and future pump for Morton Park Splash Pad
 - Capital Plans undetermined: Stadium turf and track replacement
 - Membership Numbers:
 - 2018 peak membership numbers (currently at around a 2,500 decrease from 2018)
 - A membership fee comparison and levels of the surrounding cities was shared
 - Potential membership fees for 2023: no increase for existing members, small increase for new members
 - Potential nonresident fee was presented: a graph of our Fitness Floor usage throughout the year was shared to demonstrate our ability to have more members

- Nonresident memberships would be capped at 500 people (less than 10% of our current memberships)

Gemini Center and Facility updates were shared which included:

- Fitness Equipment:
 - 8 treadmills, 7 ellipticals, 5 up-right bikes, 3 recumbent bikes, 1 stepper, 1 Stairmaster, 1 rope trainer
 - Leasing new cardio equipment from Design Fitness
 - Second reading this coming Monday
 - Looking at a five-year lease
 - Includes a five-year warranty and five-year maintenance plan
 - Asking for \$130,000 dollars over the five-years
 - Will provide 3 new treadmills as early as next week (will spend around \$50 per day and the amount spent will be credited to our lease price)
 - Will hopefully have all of the equipment by the end of March (when we are able to have the order put in)
- Studio 3:
 - Looking at improvements starting with a new rubberized floor and mirrors
- Security:
 - Looking at new security companies and equipment for advancements to our cameras and alarms
- Wi-Fi and conference room upgrades:
 - Looking at purchasing at an 86" inch tv to use instead of projectors
- Pool Update:
 - CRI and contractors in the last couple of weeks finishing specs
 - 2 companies submitted RFQs to be the Pool Consultants
- January and February Weekly/Monthly Admission Numbers:
 - Monthly visits: January is traditionally the busiest month of the year (we had 14,000 people come in this year, 1,500 more than 2021)
 - Weekly visits: We had 3,500 people come in a couple of weeks

Programming updates were shared which include:

- Sports Report
 - Spring registration is ending soon
 - Baseball/Softball registration has just started
 - 5th/6th grade tackle football meeting held today (opening registration March 1st)
 - Budgeted 14,000 dollars for new equipment and uniforms
 - We will be in charge of the administration side and coaches will run the team
- Programs
 - Not planning a traditional Summer Camp for this year (meeting with a 3rd Party Camp provider for this season)
 - Looking to add more sport camps, educational based programs, and school partnerships

Board of Education (Ms. Hinkel):

- End of March career day

Individual Park Report:

- Good feedback on social media for plowing a walkway at Bohlken Park

Council Report (Mr. Simmerly):

- Absent

Commissioner's exchange:

- No report

Recognition of Visitors:

- None

Adjournment: 6:48

Next meeting: April. 20th, 2022, at 6:00 pm in the Oak Room