

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes January 19, 2022

Call to order at 6:06 pm by John Roach

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

Absent: Erin Hinkel

Meeting Minutes:

No changes were requested for the minutes presented on January 19, 2022

Guest Speaker: Andy Clark, 5400 Sherwood drive (Athletic Field House Proposal)

- Background: Practicing CPA
- Area in discussion: North field between the Gemini Center and FPHS Stadium Parcel 321-34-026 (referred to as 026)
- The area is owned by the city of Fairview Park
- Provides an additional opportunity for FP sports teams/programs and revenue through renting the space
- Would allow for hosting specific events (all season multiple sports tournaments & events)
- Proposing 3 court field house
- Development Considerations
 - Parking is available north of the high school gym and south of the library
 - Alternative access through the hallway between the aquatic center and gym in the Gemini Center (allowing access to the Gemini Center bathrooms/locker rooms)
 - Utilities readily available from the Gemini Center
- Ask: To confirm support with the Commission for this proposal or something like it, to meet with the City and Mayor Cooney for support, and to meet with the Fairview Park City School to address parking
- The parcel is currently used by the high school for practices and various recreation activities
- Lutheran West is currently planning to build an Athletic Field House as well

Directors Report (Kerry Kemp)

Staff Updates was shared which included:

- Tyler Tagliarini: new Program Coordinator – Athletics
 - 29 applicants, 8 interviewed, 4 finalists
- The current staff structure was shared
- Looking into bringing in a new Fitness and Wellness Coordinator part-time
- Need more cleaning staff employees
 - Had to close the Sunday following new years and consider locker room closures due to limited staff
- Eric Dennis: Working as the Interim Facility Manger
 - Would like to add the Facility Manager position when the pool reopens

The financial & membership report was shared which included:

- YTD for December (showing all of 2021): (Expenses = \$3.7 million) (Revenues = Over \$4 million)

Gemini Center and Facility updates were shared which included:

- Pool updates:
 - Pool update was shared with Fairview Park city residents
 - Consultant RFQ due next week (RFQ: Request for qualifications)
 - No projected completion date
 - Discussing paying Westlake and Rocky River for allowing our members to use their pools
 - December usage Westlake: 421 - Rocky River: 237 (less than previous months) *Does not include Silver Sneakers or Renew Optimum Members because they are eligible to use the facility regardless
 - The most current proposal was \$2 per usage
 - Have not discussed if this shared usage will include the outdoor aquatics areas
 - Begun leakage testing
 - Not complete because of broken valves during the test
 - Discussed the potential use of fiberglass doors
- Bain Park Updates:
 - Restrooms should be breaking ground this Spring
 - Awarded ODNR Nature Works grant for new playground
 - Our current playground is from 1997
 - Quotes received to replace the 2 slides
 - Playground construction will be a 2023 project
 - Projected to not need any city funding
 - Looking into scheduling a public forum for feedback regarding the project
- Weekly and monthly visits:
 - Weekly: numbers are steadily climbing (around 3,000 people)
 - Almost 2,000 more visits in December 2021 than in 2020 when we had a pool

Programming updates were shared which include:

- Sports Report
 - Launched Team Sideline (main athletic webpage)
 - Currently in our 3rd week of basketball
 - Basketball Fairview Park Community Nights scheduled for the end of January and early February
 - Spring registration is open for Volleyball, Soccer, and Flag Football
 - Baseball and Softball registration will be opening soon
- Programs
 - Group exercise and Silver Sneakers scheduled was shared
 - Building up the number of exercise classes we offer

Board of Education (Ms. Hinkel):

- Absent

Individual Park Report:

- No report

Council Report (Mr. Simmerly):

- Sewer jet purchased for the city

Commissioner's exchange:

- No report

Recognition of Visitors:

- None

Adjournment: 7:18

Next meeting: Feb. 16th, 2022, at 6:00 pm in the Oak Room