



Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2021

Call to order at 6:02 pm by John Roach

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

Absent: Bryan Simmerly

**Meeting Minutes:**

No changes were requested for the minutes presented July 21, 2021

**Mary Kay (Bain Park Restroom Project - Update)**

- Goal: To create an ADA compliant structure
- Re-emphasized current issues (the slope behind the restroom is pushing the structure, the sanitary sewer system has failed past repair)
- Proposed location = approximately 300 feet from Eaton Road (decided on option A because of the cost associated with connecting over to West Park's sewer if choosing location B)
- Location A will allow for easy accessibility
- Key desire of new structure= safety and line of sight to park/cabin
- Displayed projected floor plan/bathroom structure makeup
  - Can possibly add a stone fascia to the structure that would tie into the pavilion and walking route
  - Plan to use evergreen shrubs for appeal and to protect residents using the hill for sledding
- Grant is 50% matching
- Site work has been started and fieldwork has been completed
- A contractor has been secured
- The legislation has been passed
- An order has been put into first Energy to provide a source of energy for security cameras

**Mary Kay (Bohlken Park Pathway Connector Project - Update)**

- Community Development Supplemental Grant received from Cuyahoga County
- The trail will connect where the current walking trail ends, making the existing trail one full loop
- The material used will match the existing trail
- Total estimated cost: \$59,746
- Grant obtained: \$50,000
- Will start to review bids at the end of August/early September
- Determining if the spoils/grindings created from current milling can be used for repairs to the existing trail
- Plan to look into adding walkway/security lighting along the dark areas of the trail in coming years

## **Directors Report (Kerry Kemp)**

Gemini Center and Facility updates were shared which included:

- Updates regarding the Dehumidification Equipment Project
  - The investigation, planning, and design are currently taking place
  - CRI came last week to review interior projects that need to take place
- Trip to tour Spire athletic facility set for 7/27
- June admission numbers
  - The last two weeks of June were the busiest so far this year
  - June overall has been the busiest month
  - Almost 15,000 visits within the month of June (almost equal to the visits from June 2019)
- Rentals have continued to increase
  - Currently accessing rental fees
- John Kuczowski, new Building Maintenance started June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Avoiding having a shutdown (doing evening deep cleanings instead)
- Rocky River shut down next week and Westlake shutdown to follow (giving them access to our rec)
- Park vandalism getting worse (particularly restrooms at Morton Park)

The financial report was shared which included:

- Expenses Report to date included for reference
- Monthly Reports
  - Mar-May included for reference
  - Revenue still up
  - Membership continuing to climb

Programming updates were shared which included:

- Sports Report
  - Rec T-ball and Coach Pitch wrapping up soon
  - Began Fall sports registration (youth volleyball, soccer, and flag football)
  - Discussed offering tackle football for next year
- Programs
  - Summer Camp running through August 6<sup>th</sup> (30 – 35 campers per day)
  - 5 Sessions of Safety Town remaining (25 to 27 participants per session)
    - Including one more session of Adaptive Safety Town
  - Winterfest is a go
  - Bringing back group exercises
  - Considering bringing back Fall movie nights

## **Board of Education (Ms. Hinkel):**

- Booth at Summer Fest
- Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> will be promoting Fall Athletics
- School starts Aug. 30th

## **Individual Park Report:**

- No report

## **Council Report (Mr. Simmerly):**

- No report

**Commissioner's exchange:**

- No report

**Recognition of Visitors:** None

**Adjournment:** 6:56 pm