

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes March 16, 2022

Call to order at 6:05 pm by John Roach

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

Excused: Erin Hoskin

Absent: Bryan Simmerly

Meeting Minutes:

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

Directors Report (Kerry Kemp)

The financial & membership report was shared which included:

- A comparison of the Rec's Year to Date from Jan./Feb. 2021 to Jan./Feb. 2022
 - Revenues are up almost \$200,000 compared to 2021
 - Expenses are down around \$13,000
 - Program participation, rentals, and memberships have been trending in a positive direction
- Developed a draft/plan for reserving city parks/spaces and varying rec program and rental pricing depending on membership and residency status
 - Three categories of Users/Operations: Memberships, Programs, & Facility Rentals
 - Three core groups of fee-paying patrons: Gemini Center Members & Guests, Resident Non-members, and Non-resident Non-members
 - Developed a fee tiered structure that aligns with the operations
- Section 1: Memberships
 - Current membership fees are 15-22% lower than neighboring comparable municipalities
 - Our membership fee has only increased twice since opening
 - Total membership has declined 26% in 2021 from our high point of the total memberships in 2018
 - Prior to the decrease in memberships in 2019, there had been a mostly steady increase
 - Proposing 2023 renewal fee, 2023 new member fee, & 2024 fees
 - 2022 fees are not changing
 - 2023 current members in good standing will pay the same rate as in 2022
 - 2023 new members will pay the increase rate (20% increase)
 - 2024 increased rate for everybody (except those who joined in 2023)
 - New membership type: Non-resident city employee membership type
 - Considering removing the Once A Member category and putting everyone into the new category if they qualify
 - Non-resident memberships will be limited to 500 individuals annually (beginning January 1 of each year)
 - City employees full and part-time are eligible for a \$60 discount to be applied to an individual or family membership (around half the membership cost)
 - New proposed membership fees are roughly 2.5 times that of our current resident memberships
 - The new member fee will be around \$75 for 2023 and 2024
 - Gemini Guest Fees: Looking at eliminating the need for a Non-resident to come in with a member
- Section 2: Program Fees
 - Most programs have a tiered structure already
 - Lowest fees: Member, Middle: Resident-Non-Member, Highest Paying: Non-Member Non-Resident
 - Costs per tier ranges from \$5 to \$15 depending on the program

- Program types and expenses were shared
- The Rec will look into adding a low-income supplemental fee
- Group exercise programming
 - Starting in 2023, having core classes free to members (typically \$5 per session)
 - These classes will also help retain instructors by allowing for a flat rate for teaching a class and increasing participation rates
- Section 3: City Facility Rental Fees
 - Rental Spaces: conference rooms, main gym, multi-purpose gym, stadium, Bain Cabin, Bain Pavilion, and Bohlken Park fields
 - Bain Cabin and Pavilion rental fees are set by ordinance. Revenue generated by these rentals goes towards the Bain Restoration Fund and General Fund
 - Spaces not included for rental: Bain gazebo, Bohlken Park basketball courts, Bohlken Park pavilion, Grannis Park pavilion, Nelson Park pavilion, Gemini Center splash pad, Morton Park splash pad, Morton Park basketball courts, and Morton park tennis courts
 - All of which can be used on a first come first serve bases outside of our programming and events
 - It is proposed that patrons have the ability to reserve all park and recreation facilities within the city of Fairview Park and if not rented or reserved all spaces listed above remain open for use
 - It is proposed that rental rates for parks and facilities follow the tiered fee structure
 - Priority of use for parks and recreation facilities: Fairview Park Recreation programs, city school district athletic programming, long-term user groups in good standing, schools & non-profit groups, and the general public
 - Proposed rental rates for the current and proposed spaces were shared (please refer to the proposed fees packet)

Gemini Center and Facility updates were shared which included:

- State of the City scheduled for April 28th at 7 pm in the Evergreen Room
- Anticipated shutdown date is August 22nd through September 5th
- Pool updated:
 - Meeting with prospected Aquatics Consultant on Monday (can not release whom it is until finishing negotiations)
 - The Rec Commission would like to have a walkthrough of the pool area next month
- Fitness Equipment: Cardio Equipment replacement plan
 - Currently have 3 new treadmills (receiving a lot of positive feedback)
 - The only negative feedback so far is the scrolling millage on the treadmill screen
 - The company we are using is currently ahead of schedule
 - Our lender has changed
 - Planning on the end of March or Early April to receive the 5 treadmills, 7 ellipticals, 5 up-right bikes, 3 recumbent bikes, 1 gauntlet stepper, 1 Stairmaster, and 1 rope trainer
- Considering keeping our current hours for summer this year

Programming updates were shared which include:

- Programs
 - Allowing city residents to use our track on Sundays
 - Spring into Good Health program starting this Saturday
 - New activity each week starting in April
 - Ice cream social with the Easter Bunny on April 7th
 - Babysitter training
 - Bohlken Bike Derby on April 30th
 - Summer camp through Jump Start Sports starting in June (please refer to camp flyer for more information)
 - Eager Engineers and Eager Artists camps
 - Safety Town
 - Summer Movies

Board of Education (Ms. Hinkel):

- March 19th Formal at the HS
- March 24th Career night at the HS Gym
- March 28th Community Forum on Facebook Live
- April 15th through the 22nd is Spring Break
- April 28th State of the City/Schools

Individual Park Report:

- Fixing Bohlken Scoreboards
 - Field 1 and 3 are the priorities
 - The main issue is the state of our controllers
- Baseball fields at Bohlken have been very wet
- Bain: New slide parts came in (we will have fully functional playground equipment this summer)

Council Report (Mr. Simmerly):

- Absent

Commissioner's exchange:

- No report

Recognition of Visitors:

- None

Adjournment: 7:00

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