

Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes September 21, 2022

Call to order at 6:00 pm by John Roach

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

Absent: Bryan Simmerly, Duke Schaefer

Meeting Minutes:

No changes were requested for the minutes presented on August 22, 2022

Bain Park Playground Grant (Director Mary Kay Costello & Director Kerry Kemp)

- Restroom Update
 - Construction will start next week on Restrooms – contractor Northeast Ohio Trenching
 - 1st week of October will see a lot of construction on the restroom
 - Question asked of demolition of existing bathroom. This will be explored in the future according to Director Costello
 - Question asked about adding another structure for entry into the park, making it ADA compliant with a ramp
- Playground
 - Budget - \$162,000 grant between ODNR and Cuyahoga County. 100% grant funded.
 - Spring 2023 Gola Date for Construction (weather dependent)
 - Approaching 25th year of current equipment (rusty, replacements due to vandalism, deterioration)
 - “the cheese” will be removed during demolition of playground
 - New playground will be located same place as existing playground. Tot playground will remain intact
 - Kompan Rubina wood structure chosen to fit with historical atmosphere of park
 - Structures include witches tower, parkour 4, spinner, supernova spinner, wobbly bridge and 6 seat swing set
 - The ground will be engineer wood fiber
 - Going to planning commission on Oct. 19. Anticipate council approval on Oct. 24
- Megan Otter, new city planner will be introduced to commission at a future meeting
- Question asked about the pool – Director Costello said we are getting final figures for the project and will be presenting in future

Directors Report (Kerry Kemp)

Financial Updates

- Continuing work on Staff Pay Rate analysis
- Expense Report to date was made available
 - Revenues exceeding last YTD and Expenses less than last YTD
 - Debt service dropped as it was refinanced
- Recent Purchases
 - Network Upgrades to complete security camera project
- Upcoming Purchases
 - Tennis Courts TBD – Mayor’s goal to complete by next year

Gemini Center & Facility Updates

- Staff Update:
 - Michael Heaton's passing
 - Murette Winchester new Rental Coordinator
 - Wrapping up Program Coordinator search
 - Short Staffed, open positions
 - Fitness and Wellness Coordinator position is available beginning October 1
 - Hiring all positions: Site and Building Supervisors, Fitness Floor Attendants, Custodial and Kids Club
- Security Cameras update: GC network upgrades needed to get full functionality
- Pool Update was posted online Sep 2
- Park Port-a-potties at Bain and Bohlken Parks through end of October
- Bain Park: Restroom construction to begin soon
- Kids Club limited hours due to staffing

Programming Updates

- Youth Sports
 - Fairview Park Women's Club has financial assistance available for those going through rough times. The application can be found on our website
 - Fall athletics in full swing this weekend with volleyball starting
 - 5-6th grade tackle football made a triumphant return after a few years hiatus beating North Olmsted 16-12 on Saturday night. Awesome crowd and a great future.
- Youth Programs
 - Babysitter Training Nov 12 & Dec 10
 - Youth Dance Class started last week and registration is open for our Oct 26-Dec 14 session
 - Youth Irish Dance registration ongoing (Peggy Cannon instructor). Session 1 begins Sep 18
- Special Events
 - Fleafest – Sep 24 Cancelled
 - Rec the Halls – Nov 5

Council Report (Mr. Simmerly):

- Absent

Individual Park Report:

- Morton looked good (Erin Hoskin)
- TCP – can anything be done about people using North Fields when FPSA is not practicing (Erin Hoskin)? Discussion that the park is a public place and there is no control unless goals moved and locked by FPSA each night
- Any draining plans for Bohlken Park (Erin Hoskin)? Discussion: big reason why all fall programs moved to the Gemini/Stadium Campus. New Sewer Jet will help clear drains. Issues for years (John Roach).
- Stadium Speakers (John Roach)? South end is not working well. Graduation brings own speakers in. Speakers owned by city. FPAC has discussed donating new system.

Board of Education (Ms. Hinkel):

- Town halls on Oct. 24, Jan 9, March 18 by Superintendent

- Levy will be on the 2022 ballot

Commissioner's exchange:

- None

Recognition of Visitors:

- None

Adjournment: 6:55 p.m.