

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2022 | 7:45a | Memorial Hall

AGENDA ITEMS:

- ✓ **Call to Order:** *The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:46am. The meeting was held in-person in the Community Room at Memorial Hall*
- ✓ **Members Present :** Jim Ulchaker, Amy Massad, Dave Furry, Diana Leitch, Joe Roszak were all present
- ✓ **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from December 9th, 2021 were approved as submitted. Amy Massad motioned. Joe Roszak 2nd.
- ✓ **Swearing in of New Members:** Mayor Pam Bobst did a group swearing in of:
Dave Furry, the councilman representative, January 1, 2022-Dec 2023
Diana Leitch, Board of Education representative, January 1, 2022-Dec 2023
Joe Roszak, community member appointed by Board of Education, January 1, 2022- Dec 2026
- ✓ **Hearing of Visitors:** Mayor Pam Bobst, came to swear in the new representatives and answered some questions that the members had. She said that Bradstreet Landing pier should be opened in time for summer of 2022 for pedestrian access with temporary bathrooms, there are many plans that are being finalized in the coming weeks for the parking lot and structures being built at the park, such as the restrooms will not be lakefront facing but will be included in the building, and west side facing stone steps for watching the sunset.
Dr. Ulchaker asked if the Commission will have more responsibility/say so at Bradstreet Landing? Mayor responded with she always wants their input, currently the labor and maintenance is being done by the service department and that yes the Recreation Department and Commission will work together, already working on a Bike Fix it Station and Water fill station
Dr. Ulchaker also asked about a Pocket Park at Shoreland Ave. and Wooster. It is already budgeted and are advancing with plans and early work. It will be a gathering space for families with no equipment, picnic areas and mounded at Wooster with only entrance on Shoreland Ave. It has historical significance as the

ACTION ITEMS:

Schlather Farm/Family owned the property. Mayor left meeting at 7:59 am

- ✓ **New Member Introduction:** Dr. Ulchaker introduced new members and quickly went over all other members.
 1. **Dave Furry**- new councilman representative, replacing Chris Klym, Dave and Doc have known each other for many years
 2. **Diana Leitch**- new Board of Education representative, replacing Kathy Goepfert, this is her 2nd time on the Commission. She has an accounting background
 3. **Joe Roszak**- reappointed by the School Board, as he is the most qualified for this position
 4. **Amy Massad**- she is the current community appointee for 5 years, Doc and Mr. Massad have been friends for many years

Fees For Approval

- **Special Events**
 - Based on cost. Range of prices \$0-\$60
 - Per head/sometimes per family
 - Joe says to keep the commission in the loop prior to any event
 - Doc says price should be price+20% for registration, or at least make sure we break even
 - *Approval: 1st: Dave Furry 2nd: Diana Leitch*
- **Add-On Membership Options**

Bob- This is to encourage membership growth by including add on options

 - year round purchasing of the summer pool pass and adding an open skate pass- with 10% off when purchasing it out of season(early bird/off season price)
 - Program Passes:
 - Kids Cove pass year round with membership
 - Flex Pass- currently as quarterly- want to move it to year round options-with better discount
 - Monthly Payments vs Up Front Payments- monthly auto-drafts are at a higher rate
 - Option to add on a 3 month Civic Center membership with purchase of just a pool pass- to eliminate rainchecks and closures due to weather

Questions:

 - Dave Furry asked how much support would this receive, classes are included in memberships at the YMCA- answered- this way it gives the option to add group classes or not- individuals can make the decision to use that or not.

- Can POS handle these changes? Yes, but will need to have further conversations to do it.

-Dr. Ulchaker discusses the unknown in doing this also anything it could hurt. We don't know the data on the kids cove pass, good or bad. Rink- currently no swipe in process and there is no data to have an idea of how well a seasonal skate pass would be.

- Doc sees this as a positive, and perks of the 10% discount would have to have all 3 add-ons.

- would be offered to residents only

Commission would like to look it over at the end of 1 full year to see if it is worth keeping

- *Approval: 1st- Dave Furry, 2nd- Amy Massad*

✓ **Civic Center Report**

-This December's numbers doubled that of last year

-Masking is still required in common areas but not while actively exercising

- Fairview's Gemini Center member numbers were 420. Which is 13-15 per day and is not impacting our members. Their closure has been pushed back further and might want some compensation if this continues

- New carpet in front of the gym to the double doors going to fitness/pool side, also in the back hallway to the left of the entrance. It is carpet tiles so they can be piece replaced if damaged, some of the current tile is failing so it will be replaced with carpet. Install to begin at end of February.

-New Dumbbells- repurposed old ones, half to the track and half to the new police station.

- Looking at new Spin Bikes- old ones are 10-12years old

- Demo Week was 1/2/22-1/9/22

-Learn to Swim classes are full- mainly due to staff shortage, new masters swim class(adults)- up to 12/class, they have cut private lessons

-112 teams signed up for Volleyball

- Basketball is also up on number of teams

---Dr. Ulchaker praises that success is a good thing-

✓ **Director's Report**

- Tree Lighting and Grinch Movie was a success
- Holiday Walk and Street Dance with Santa went great too

Staffing

Increased hourly pay for part time staff from \$8.80-11/hour, up to \$9.75-15/hour

Openings- filled one full time position George Carrado took over Jeff Waddell's job after his retirement.

Vacancy still for Full Time Custodian at Civic to replace Mick- a union job, Service Dept. guy backed out as his replacement, on to reposting job

- Launched new website for the recreation department through the city page, rrcity.com/recreation. Looking for feedback
- Next week to finalize Safety Town as a permanent facility to host. 12-14 structures. Utilizing the space behind the Civic Center and next to the outdoor Pool. Rec department will only be covering the registration, Police will run the program. Westshore Tech said they would work with us to build structures and decorate.

Projects:

Large Purchases- Zamboni, Flooring for indoor turf replacement, Girls Locker Room at the Ice Rink- currently use the pavilion bathroom as their changing space- would like to expand to have shower and lockers- lots of opportunity but picking the right one is key

Questions:

Dr. Ulchaker asked how many people are being affected by changing area for girls currently. Not many but we need to be compliant for title 9. We have received one quote of \$30,000 without flooring cost.

Where do other facilities stand with female Facilities? If there are 2 sheets of ice, usually have enough room for separate locker rooms, we are similar to most other 1 sheet ice rinks in that we are lacking a female specific locker room. Could market well to females to come to River Rink. Diana Leitch noted that all 3 groups (School, Backers, and Rec) funded the High School locker room. We could try to do that again for a Girls Hockey Locker Room

- Morley Park- getting a new structure for 2022. Only big park project. Paths at both Linden and RR Park are being looked at it.
- Linden Park- looking at parking

✓ **Old Business**

None

✓ **New Business**

_ could not determine monthly times for the coming year at last meeting due to change of members. Can be moved if needed. Amy

teaches a class before, everyone said 7:45 works for them. Joe has a conflict with 2 of the meetings because of Metropark meetings. Could zoom but would not count in the vote as these meetings must be in person and need at least 3 out of 5 to make any approvals. Agreed to keep it 7:45 on the 2nd Thursday of every month through 2022

✓ **Adjournment**

- *Meeting adjourned at 8:44am*
- *1st: Diana Leitch*
- *2nd: Dr. Ulchaker*

Next Meeting: *Thursday, February 10, 2022*