

## Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:49am. This meeting was held in person at the Ice Rink Pavilion. Members present: Joe Roszak, Diana Leitch, Dave Furry. Members not present: Jim Ulchaker and Amy Massad Also present: Bob Holub, Krissie Miller, and Erica Garland.
- **Approval of Minutes:** minutes from April 14th, 2022 were approved as submitted. Diana Leitch motioned and Dave Furry 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Fees for Approval:** None
- **Civic Center Report:**

Civic center is doing great. Getting a little slower due to the upcoming summer months, where it always dips in numbers. April numbers were also lower due to the indoor pool closure and drain. Pony league, soccer and lacrosse have all started. Registration for tball, coach pitch and peewee baseball, and summer sport camps has begun. Registration for summer swim lessons will start in about two weeks, as the need for staff is controlling how many spots will be available. Safety Town registration is open, recreation just runs the registration and handles the money because we have the programming to do so. The painting and priming of the buildings for safety town are underway and a member has taken lead on painting and designing the looks of the buildings. Day camp, still has large waitlist with only 70 in each week with a goal to get to 100 campers per week. All due to staffing issues. We are considering junior counselors (under 18), we have bumped their pay to \$10/hr. Lifeguards: currently still 20-25 short for regular summer hours. We have not announced our hours for pool opening yet due to the staffing shortage. This problem is everywhere. Joe Roszak talked about it being a national issue. We are running certification classes once a month and offering it free for residents if they sign on as a lifeguard with us. Discussion of other ways to incentivize hiring lifeguards: we have bumped pay again to \$11.25 (still fairly low), recruiting incentive.
- **Director's Report:**

Meeting at Tri City Park with all 3 communities: will be having a joint movie in the park, Little Giants. Also discussed the Fairview park pool issues. They decided upon a \$2/ entry into the Civic Center retroactive fee. We are currently getting about 400 entries per month. We will bill them for the retroactive fees and then monthly moving forward but with an end date. This is for indoor pool only. Fairview Park is responsible for the ball field (not doing a great job), Westlake takes care of grass maintenance and Rocky River covers the day to day maintenance. We are pretty sure Rocky River owns the property to TriCity Park. Should we look into changing the arrangement with the other cities, seems the only true benefit of the other communities being part of this park is the funding for capital improvements.

Parks updates: Linden Park: talks on expanding the parking lot to the south by one row, will add 8-12 parking spots. Martin Park: no scheduled games at this park but practices do occur there, parking can be an issue but neighbors feel no one should be there. We have moved RRSO to TriCity Park to try to help the issue. Possibly increasing park messaging and signage.

Rooftop Unit: came back over budget at around \$140,000, RFP came back and we took the lowest bid, it was not Westland, the lowest bid had shortest lead time as well, about 200 days, so install date will be October/November.

Cooling Tower: \$82,000, Tempest will do it. Questions on how we source the vendors: must go to council if over \$50,000 with at least 3 quotes.

New structures went in at the outdoor pool, palm trees. Talked about possibly changing the main water structure in the coming years.

Budget info: April was down from March. Still anticipating better year than before 2020.

Registration dates can be the major factor on whether April or March are the higher month. Taking the average they both balance out

- **Old Business:** none
- **New Business:** none
- **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:28am 1<sup>st</sup> by Diana Leitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Roszak