

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 14th, 2023

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:53am. The meeting was held in person in the Pavilion at the Ice Arena. Members Present: Diana Leitch, Dr. Jim Ulchaker, Joe Roszak, Dave Furry. Also present: Bob Holub, Krissie Miller and Erica Garland.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from July 13th, 2023, were approved as submitted. Diana Leitch motioned and Joe Roszak 2nd.
- **Fees for Approval:**
 - **Youth Basketball League:** Basketball league for grades 2-8. Proposed fees are a \$5.00 increase due to uniform fee increases. Previous: Member- \$110/Resident- \$115/Non-Resident- \$125. Proposed fees: \$115/\$120/\$130. **Fees were approved with a motion from Diana Leitch and seconded by Dr. Ulchaker.**
- **Civic Center Report:**
 - Fall sports have started. Volleyball started the day after Labor Day. Learn to Swim started last night. Kiddo Kinetics in its second round. Squeaky Sneakers starts back next week. The alcove around the track has been changed to a rowing room, a mural was painted on the wall during shutdown, grand opening of it will be September 23rd, where the Rowing Club will hold mini classes. The decision to change the space to a rowing room was that the room was too small for a lifting room and wasn't being utilized. Complaints about the high temperature in the studios and workout area as the HVAC was not working properly. Discussion about another Health Challenge in the spring working with Cleveland Clinic. Not sure it will happen as it has fallen off with many of the surrounding cities.
- **Director's Report:**
 - **Parks:** Elmwood Park: bathroom improvements, corn hole boards are doing well, Eagle Scout Project of a gaga pit in the playground area. Will start in the spring. Linden Park: bathroom and lighting upgrades. Safety Town: 90% complete, signage and beautification to start next week. Generally, it has been well received. Tri City: pickleball courts are complete we are just working on correcting the fencing. Still working on sound mitigation. Contractors did a great job of dealing with the runoff. There is apparently an alcohol problem here. Bradstreet Landing: concern of not enough parking. They are working on bathroom facilities.
 - **Rink:** a new lobby floor has been installed but not happy with it. New cedar on walls, new bathroom partitions and flooring, new Zamboni, in need of new rink supervisors: hard to find because our pay is much lower than surrounding areas.
 - **Outdoor Pool:** Pool numbers ended better but still very low for the season. Pool closed September 4th and the Dog Swim on September 5th.
 - **New Ball field equipment:** ride on system that drags and levels fields.
 - **Budget Preparation:** major projects for next year: Diamond Brite for Outdoor Pool, main water feature for outdoor pool, new lobby in outdoor pool, pavilion roof, new playground at Martin Park.
 - **Other:** Next month fees will include membership rate increases. Staff retreat at Elmwood Park on September 27th. Fall Arts Festival on Saturday in Old Detroit shopping area. Linden Park- repaving the path will be next year also looking at redoing/adding

paths at Civic, Morley, RR park. Deck at Rocky River Park is being started. Fairview Park Gemini- hiring a law firm to see if initial build of the pool was done properly. It will be on the November ballot (12.9 million dollar project). COG meeting next week

- **Old Business:** none
- **New Business:** none
- **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30am, motioned by Dave Furry and seconded by Joe Roszak.