

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 8th, 2024

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:44am. The meeting was held in person in the Pavilion at the Ice Arena. Members Present: James Ulchaker, Amy Massad, Joe Roszak, Paul Shipp, Kelly Frindt. Also present: Bob Holub, Krissie Miller, and Erica Garland.
 - *The Commission took a moment of silence for the passing of Don Kelly, former longtime employee of the Recreation Dept and baseball coach.*
 - **Is this a good meeting time for all members of the commission?** Yes, all are fine with it.

- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from January 11th, 2023, were approved as submitted. Motioned by Joe Roszak and seconded by Amy Massad.

- **Fees for Approval:**
 - **Elmwood Fun Camp:** increase of fees for our preschool half day summer camp for kids ages 4-6. Previous fees: Member: \$65/ Resident: \$70/ NR: \$75. Proposed fees: Mem: \$75/ Res: \$80/ NR: \$ 85. **Fees were approved with a motion from Kelly Frindt and seconded by Joe Roszak.**

 - **Civic Center Report:**
 - Painting in lobby and multipurpose room. Little Valentine’s Dance is almost sold out, only about 15 more spots. Lifeguard class started last night with 9 people registered. Cavalittles program is almost full as well, with 8 spots left. Spring volleyball and soccer registration started. The Football Clinic is full with a waitlist. Ryan has applied for a grant for 10,000 through the Cuyahoga County Board of Disabilities. Working with LEAP to start a Jazzercise and adaptive aquatic program for people with disabilities. It would help to offset staffing and facility fees so that we can offer more programs like this.

 - **Director’s Report:**
 - **OPRA Conference:** Monday through Wednesday. Demolition of Martin Park started early this week and the new structure should be in shortly after. The new playground at Tri-City Park is still in the design phase. Working with Penchura to get this done. Meeting with Rich Snyder about the walking path at Linden Park and behind the Civic Center. Anticipating widening the path and discussing the timeline of it. The Parks and Recreation Foundation meeting was last night. Chris Klym is the new president, and they are looking at a new project, trying to decide what to focus on next. They brought on a new member; Harlan Radford and he has been working on Elle’s Enchanted Forrest. That will be one of the focuses of the foundation. **Summer Events:** meeting with Mayor for final approval on all summer events. Having a call with the mayor, senior center and police/fire about Eclipse Day about what that day will look like for the recreation department. We will most likely not be doing any events as they are worried about the number of visitors in the area and having to make sure the parks are being maintained that day. NOTE: if we are providing eclipse glasses, make sure they are NASA approved!

- **Software change:** we are looking into a possible software change. We currently use Sportsman and are meeting with a few other companies to see if what they offer is better suited for what we are looking for. Hoping, if we choose to change, it will be ready for Labor Day. **Outdoor Pool:** no RFPs came back for the resurfacing and new water features. All features will stay, and we will try again in the Fall. We are doing a pool lobby and locker room renovation that will be done before opening this summer. The pad at the end of the family slide will be replaced before filling the pool. **Ice Rink Roof:** engineers are looking at the roof at Civic and Ice rink to come up with some options of how to move forward.
- **Old Business: none**
- **New Business:**
 - Residents have asked about an Olympic lifting pad at the civic center. Bob's response was, Ideally, yes, we would love to have one, but we don't have the proper space for clearance of cleans and jerks. Also, another issue is possible structural damage and not proper supervision for spotting. We have increased the free weights, updated the squat rack, benches and smith machine. If the space that the Cleveland Clinic is using was available, that might be a proper place for an extension of the weight room, but supervision would still be an issue. There is a larger demographic that is interested in this.
 - Temperature in the Fitness rooms: roof top unit does fluctuate but has not been an issue as of late. However, we are investing money this year into the dectron unit and looking into a dehumidification system for the indoor pool.
- **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:15am, motioned by Amy Massad and seconded by James Ulchaker.