

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 11th, 2024

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:45am. 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: Mayor Pam Bobst, Bob Holub, Krissie Miller, and Erica Garland.
- **Swearing in of New Members:** Mayor Bobst was introduced by James Ulchaker and prepared to give the Oath of Office
 - **Paul Shipp: City Council Representative** replacing Dave Furry was sworn in by the mayor and took the Oath of Office starting January 1st, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2025.
 - **Kelly Frindt: School Board Representative** replacing Diana Leitch, was sworn in by the mayor and took the Oath of Office starting January 1st, 2024 and ending December 31st, 2025.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from December 14th, 2023, were approved as submitted. Motioned by Joe Roszak and seconded by Amy Massad.
- **Fees for Approval: None**
- **Civic Center Report:**
 - Continuing to grow with our daily admissions and pass admissions. Daily admissions are down a little but most likely due to a larger number of passes being sold. New wall graphic outside of the gym of the map of Rocky River, complemented by many. Working on small paint projects throughout the Civic Center. We wrapped up a free exercise group class week for the new year and had a free Rowing Day to encourage people to sign up for the rowing lessons. Basketball has kicked off with their games. Ski Club was supposed to start this week but has been pushed back one week. We are hosting a Design and Dance class with a “Frozen” theme and a Valentine’s Dance on February 16th.
- **Director’s Report:**
 - Capital Projects for 2024: Resurfacing of the outdoor pool and main water features. The RFPs are due tomorrow. The pad at the family slide will also be replaced for free. Backerboards around the ice rink are being finished up to cover up the steel beams on the outside of the rink. Martin Park: We have received the PO for Snider Recreation to put in new playground, we will remove the old one and will try to salvage the 2-5year old structure and move it to the Tot Lot next to the library. TriCity Park: working on a final design for the new playground structure to be put in later in the year(all 3 cities have agreed to split cost). Summer Events: the staff has decided to work on 3 large events for the summer, one each month. We have teamed up with Jay O’Toole from the Runiversity to help us plan and implement a 5k for our June Summer Night event, staff will do as much as possible to offset the cost for a race. Also, that June event is part of the Family Health and Fitness day and will be moved to City Hall Park instead of Linden, where we will have CLE Market (they have teamed up with our Summer events and will be here for all 3 of them

with local vendors, arts and will also coordinate food trucks—only costs us \$600 for the whole summer!), band and Parents night Out. We have exceeded our membership goal by \$100,000. Budgeting and program management has really helped to meet this goal. There is a Boy Scout who is working on his Eagle Project and decided to do a GAGA pit at Elmwood Park, where the old sand box was.

- **Old Business:**
 - **From Diana Leitch (per Kelly Frindt): Linden park-** small woods at the back end of the park is dismal, maybe create a natural fort.
 - Answer: we are putting in cameras and a new path. That area of woods on the fence line is not ours to do anything with.
 - **Corner of Wooster and Shoreland:** will be turned into a pocket park with benches made of recycled wind turbines. The process is moving slowly due to the EPA and construction in the area as that was a gas station.
 - **Tot Lot: at the library:** we will try to move the 2-5age structure from Martin Park to the Tot Lot. That land is owned by the Board of Education and structures are maintained by the city.
- **New Business:** Dr. Ulchaker attended the Youth Hockey Board meeting and had some questions. The city gets fees, there are also team fees and now the board wants to have administrative fees. The meeting was very vocal and there was lots of conflict. Bob is working to make this board what is supposed to be. Before Bob was the director, this board had a lot of blurred lines in that city employees were also acting members of this board. At the meeting the Advisory Board voiced that they would like the city to cover some of the extra costs. The answer to that is No! Dr. Ulchaker would like to set up a meeting with Daniel Conway, Pam Rice, Greg Soltis and Bob Holub to discuss further.
- **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:33am, motioned by Amy Massad and seconded by Kelly Frindt.