

City of Bowling Green
Parks & Recreation Park Board Meeting Minutes
Rotary Nature Center: July 24, 2018

Call to Order: Jeff Crawford (7:02 pm)

Roll Call: Jeff Crawford welcomed Jodi Anderson to the Park Board.

Present: Jodi Anderson, Jeff Crawford, Linda Cubberley, Cale Hover, JD Pooley and Monique Rosati.

Absent: Jon Laabs, Karen Rippey and Robin Veitch.

Others in Attendance: Kristin Otley, Ivan Kovacevic, Chris Gajewicz and Cheryl Witt.

Approval of June 2018 minutes: Unanimous approval on a motion by Linda Cubberley and a second by Cale Hover.

Correspondence: Passed around and shared with the Park Board.

- Kristin shared the proclamation from the Mayor declaring July as Parks & Recreation month

Chairperson's Report: No report at this time.

Old Business: No old business at this time

New Business:

- Approve 2nd Quarter Fee Waiver Report
 - Unanimously approved on a motion by Cale Hover and a second by Monique Rosati.

Foundation Report, Jodi Anderson:

Fundraiser will be planned at Sunset Bistro in August. September 28th is the Wine & Cheese. There will be live and silent auctions. The foundation will be asking restaurants for food donations instead of the usual ask to the foundation members. Jodi asked that each Park Board member donate a bottle of wine for the event. Plans are underway for an open house of the newly renovated Rotary Nature Center. It will be held on September 13 from 4-6 pm.

Kristin Otley added that in past years there were many people who enjoyed making food for the Wine & Cheese. This year we are giving them a choice if they would like to donate of a bottle of wine, a dessert, a gift card or any smaller items that can be used to fill baskets for the silent auction.

Director's Report:

- **City Park Building:** Our design team met with Schorr Architects and we took a really good look at the concept plan and made any changes that we came up with. Schorr will return with a drawing that has the changes on it. Next week we will meet with the interior designers. This is a very exciting opportunity. Part of the plan will be to improve the traffic flow and parking in City Park. The timeline is right on pace with bids going out November-December and a projected start date of March 2019. JD Pooley is part of the team working with the architects and he has really enjoyed being a part of this and feels that the new building will be great. Kristin asked that if the board hears anything while out in the public about the new building to please relay that information to her. We want this building to have the most usable space possible for citizens and to be as efficient that we can make it.
- **2019 Fees:** we will bring preliminary thoughts to the meeting in August. We are doing some benchmarking right now. Park Board will approve in September and they will go to City Council in October for approval.

Coordinator Report:

Ivan Kovacevic: We have had a good summer, camps will be winding down. Next week will be the last official week of camps. Talent show will be on August 7. Zucchini 500 will be July 25 at the Farmer's Market. We have had a very busy summer with tables at the Farmer's Market and Firefly Nights. Lunch/Concerts in the Park have been very dependent on the weather. The final Lunch in the Park will be this Friday and is sponsored by Sandy Rowland and the food will be Pagliai's. Jeff asked if the attendance has been similar as past years at the Lunch/Concerts in the Park and Ivan said that it seems to be better.

Chris Gajewicz: Chris is excited to be able to work with the landscape designers at the new building in City Park. He appreciates their philosophy on sustainability and is glad to hear that they will be using native plants that will be easily cared for. Summer camps have gone fairly well, we receive good reviews from the nature camps and there is a drop this week in people who have signed up. Cinda does a fine job working with the native areas out at the Nature Preserve and has been having Nicholas Breen assist her; he also has a passion for native areas. Chris and Mike Przysiecki walked Simpson Garden Park today and talked about all of the gardens. Some of the gardens are ten years old and they will be planning for and making design changes based on erosion and age. If you are out in the garden and see a staff member or a volunteer please thank them for their hard work, taking care of Simpson is a monumental task and they do a stellar job. There are many Pokémon Go players that come out to the parks and Chris is glad to see young people out and around the parks.

Kristin added that everyone likes the new format of the Quarterly Reports so we will stick with the format.

Lobby Visitation:

Sandy Rowland mentioned that she would be willing to go in with several of the Park Board members to purchase an expensive bottle of wine for the Wine & Cheese wine pull.

Motion to Adjourn:

(7:29pm)

Unanimous approved to adjourn on a motion by Cale Hover and a second by JD Pooley.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Witt, 8.15.2018



Jeff Crawford, Chair