

City of Bowling Green
Parks & Recreation Park Board Meeting Minutes
Community Center ~ August 28, 2018

Call to Order: Jeff Crawford (7:00 pm)

Roll Call:

Present: Jodi Anderson, Jeff Crawford, Linda Cubberley, Cale Hover, Jon Laabs, Karen Rippey, Robin Veitch and Monique Rosati.

Absent: JD Pooley.

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

Approval of July 2018 minutes: Unanimous approval on a motion by Cale Hover and a second by Monique Rosati.

Correspondence: Passed around and shared with the Park Board.

Chairperson's Report: No report at this time.

Old Business: No old business at this time

New Business:

- **Change in smoking policy to smoke free:** Kristin Otley reported that the current policy allows smoking in parking areas only. The department would like to make a change to the policy that would prohibit smoking in any parks or parks facilities (see attached). One of the department's core values is health and we believe that this action would help us convey the message of health to the community. After a round table discussion on this change, Chairperson Jeff Crawford asked that the board give this some thought and that we table any action until the September meeting.
- **2019 Fees:** the department is requesting a 3% increase of rates for most programs, events and facilities. This would exclude the fees at the Community Center and for Mind Body. A new facility rental rate for non-profits within the city limits of Bowling Green would also be added. Kristin prefers to raise the rates in smaller increments each year if needed. 2015 is the last time facility fees went up. Some fees will not be raised due to the fact that they are capped at what the market will bear. After a round table discussion it was decided that it made sense to raise the rates. Kristin will be bringing the new fee document for approval to the September meeting and would like the Board to think about it and talk to people around the community to see what they think. It will then have to go to Council after the Board approves and makes the recommendation to

raise the fees. Jeff Crawford stated that we should stay on top of fee changes and not lag behind with needed increases. He would like them to stay the same if they can. Park Board will vote on this at the next meeting.

- Naming of new City Park building: Kristin shared the resolution that City Council has put together for naming the new building at City Park (see attached). The Park Board supports the concept of honoring veterans in the broad sense when naming the new building. This recommendation was passed on a motion from Cale Hover and second by Karen Rippey. First motion rescinded and the second motion of the Park Board is in favor of the name of the city park building honoring veterans and that the department would have the opportunity to pursue naming sponsorships. Motion by Cale Hover, second by Jon Laabs, unanimously approved. It was suggested to put a timeline on any naming right sponsorships. Jeff Crawford made it clear that the Park Board does not write resolutions or ordinances. Kristin will pass along the thoughts and concerns that were brought up to City Council.

Foundation Report, Jodi Anderson:

The Foundation is asking that Park Board members donate a bottle of wine for the wine pull at the Wine & Cheese. Also if anyone is available to volunteer, we would appreciate the help. The Sunset Bistro fundraiser was busy at dinner time. Simpson Garden Park now has 1,050 Hosta varieties and puts us in 2nd place in the US.

Director's Report, Kristin Otley:

- Kristin will be on the Morning Show on 8/31/2018 at 7:30am.
- Projects Update
 - City Park Building: we have been having good meetings with the architects and the sub firms. The timeline is on schedule. Bids will go out in November/December, start the project in March and completion will be early 2020.

Coordinator Report:

Chris Gajewicz: Simpson Garden Park is looking outstanding. The Hosta expansion is going strong. He has heard no negative feedback about the Scottish Links. September 10 & 11 Brent Heath from Brent & Becky's Bulbs will be coming for an educational session and a bulb workshop. This is really a big deal for him to be coming to BG; he is a rock star in the bulb world. Wintergarden looks very good, many bird watchers are coming in from all over. Chris will be working on redeveloping the Wintergarden and Simpson brochures and they should be ready by the end of the year. Jeff Crawford mentioned that he sees many pictures of birds out at Wintergarden on social media. There are no fox in Wintergarden they are on private property around the City and are harmless.

Ivan Kovacevic: We have had a busy, successful summer. Rain was an issue with some events. The brand new musical theatre and singer/songwriter camps were very well received. Pool did very well and met their financial goals. We have had kids activities at the Firefly Nights. The Zombie Mud Run will be October 21, 2018.

Kristin mentioned that this Saturday, Sunday and Monday are the last days for the pool to be open.

Lobby Visitation: None.

Motion to Adjourn:

(7:51pm)

Unanimous approval to adjourn on a motion by Robin Veitch and a second by Cale Hover.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Witt, 9.19.2018



Jeff Crawford, Chair

Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Department
Smoking Policy for Visitors
October 16, 2006

Effective January 1, 2007 all visitors to Bowling Green Parks and Recreation facilities will be limited to smoking only in designated areas. There is already a citywide ban on smoking in public buildings but this park policy is being issued to address concerns about smoking in outdoor areas where sporting and other recreational events are held, especially youth sports.

The parking lots of each city park are designated as smoking areas. There may also be specially designated areas for smoking outside of the parking areas that will be clearly marked with a receptacle for used cigarettes and appropriate signage.

Visitors who violate the smoking policy in the parks will be asked to stop smoking or leave the premises.

No Smoking or Vapor-producing Devices Policy in the Bowling Green City Parks
Updated January 2015

Smoking or the use of vapor-producing devices for inhaling is limited to the parking areas in the city parks that are not adjacent to youth play areas. Having smoke-free areas for park patrons is important so all can enjoy the parks and live a healthier lifestyle. It is especially important that no smoking and no vaping areas be maintained in areas where children play.

RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. _____ Passed _____, 20__

RESOLUTION NAMING THE BOWLING GREEN, OHIO VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

WHEREAS, American Legion Post 45 leased the building in Bowling Green City Park now known as the Veterans Memorial Building for 50 years from 1929 to 1979, and used the building as its post headquarters; and

WHEREAS when the American Legion vacated the building in 1979, the City of Bowling Green continued to honor its veterans by naming the building the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING; and

WHEREAS the entrance road to Bowling Green City Park is named Veterans Memorial Drive; and

WHEREAS the Veterans Memorial Building in Bowling Green City Park will be razed to make room for a larger, modern building; and

WHEREAS the City of Bowling Green wishes to continue to honor the service of its veterans from all eras and all branches of the military; and

WHEREAS Military Veterans' organizations in the City of Bowling Green lack permanent space to display their historic organizational memorabilia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWLING GREEN, COUNTY OF WOOD, AND STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: That the building to be built in Bowling Green City Park in 2018 and 2019 to replace the building known as the Veterans Memorial Building be named the "Bowling Green, Ohio Veterans Memorial Building."

SECTION 2: That the Bowling Green City Administrator ensure that space, including, but not limited to wall space in the lobby of the building to be built in Bowling Green City Park, be reserved for the use of Bowling Green based Military Veterans' organizations for the display of historic organizational memorabilia for as long as the building is in use.

SECTION 3: This resolution shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

Passed: _____
Date President of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Approved: _____
Date Mayor

MICHAEL J. MARSH
CITY ATTORNEY
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