City of Bowling Green
Parks & Recreation Park Board Meeting Minutes
Simpson Building ~ October 23, 2018

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

Roll Call:


Absent: Jon Laabs & JD Pooley.

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

Approval of September 2018 minutes: Unanimous approval on a motion by Monique Rosati and a second by Robin Veitch.

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:

Approve 3rd Quarter Fee Waiver Report: the fee waiver report was unanimously approved on a motion by Cale Hover and a second by Karen Rippey.

Foundation Report, Jodi Anderson:

The net profit for the Wine & Cheese was $24,495.91. This is up from last year. The proceeds will go towards Ridge Park. Thank you to all who volunteered and/or donated to the event. The 2019 Wine & Cheese proceeds will go towards the construction of a new shelter at Carter Park. Kristin Otley added that the two teepee type structures will be removed and replaced with an updated shelter structure. This is the final large project to be addressed on the five year master plan. The current teepee structures are not rentable spaces. The new shelter will be similar to the Bellard and Miller shelters and will be a rentable space. The Wine & Cheese will not cover the entire cost of the project so we will be writing a grant for additional funding.

Director’s Report, Kristin Otley:

- Thank you to all who helped make the Wine & Cheese a success!
- 2019 Fees were approved by City Council.
- Kristin gave a shout out to Mark Sauber and the maintenance staff for their work in maintaining Conneaut/Haskins Park. It really looks great! The Arborist will be
putting some trees in soon. The City received an anonymous donation to put in new trees after the large tree had to be taken down due to safety concerns.

- Thank you to Public Works for getting the patching completed around the City Park drive.
- November 1 the outside drinking fountains will be turned off for the winter.
- By November 7 all seasonal restrooms will be closed for the winter. There are year round restrooms at Wintergarden, City Park and Simpson.
- We are still waiting on some invoices and credits to finish up the 2018 pool report.
- We are still working on the 2019 budget, it is not yet finalized.
- Projects Update
  - City Park Building: we had a great meeting discussing interior finishes with the design team. We should have a final plan to present to the board in January. Timeline is on track.
  - Update on the resolution naming the new building in City Park: City Council agreed with the changes to the resolution from the board’s suggestions. The building will be named the Veterans Memorial Building. The department will still have naming rights available to offer to the public.
  - The no smoking ordinance had its first reading at the city council meeting.

Coordinator Reports:

The quarterly report for July, August and September was handed out to the Board.

**Chris Gajewicz:** Kristin Otley reported that seeding and mowing will be done this week. Educational interpretive kiosks will be put at Carter and the TACC. These will have signs that explain the native landscapes.

**Ivan Kovacevic:** Basketball is underway and the numbers are up. The third annual Zombie Mud Run was on Sunday. We had around 150 people participate. The weather was decent. We did not have as many walk ups as in previous years. The t-shirts turned out awesome. Appreciate the support of our sponsors and the collaboration of working with the DECA kids and BGSU students. The next big event at the obstacle course will be the 3rd Annual Super Dash in May.

Lobby Visitation: There were no comments from the lobby.

Motion to Adjourn: (7:16 pm)

Unanimously approved to adjourn on a motion by Cale Hover and a second by Robin Veitch.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Witt, 10.24.2018

Jeff Crawford, Chair