

Bowling Green Parks & Recreation Park Board Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2019

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jeff Crawford.

Roll Call

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

Absent: JD Pooley

Others Present: Kristin Otley, Chris Gajewicz, Ivan Kovacevic and Cheryl Witt

Minutes

Minutes of the February meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Cale Hover and a second by Robin Veitch.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Chairperson's Report: Jeff Crawford

No report at this time.

Old Business

No old business at this time.

New Business

The 1st Quarter Fee Waiver report was unanimously approved on a motion by Cale Hover and a second by Monique Rosati.

Parks & Recreation Foundation Report. Jodi Anderson

Remember the Wine & Cheese date is September 27, 2019. The annual Foundation breakfast will be May 4, 2019 at the Rotary Nature Center. The membership drive is still underway and has been very successful.

Director's Report: Kristin Otley

- The 1st Quarter Coordinators report was handed out.
- The notes from the Park Board retreat were sent out to the Park Board. The BGPR Supervisory Team will look at them in May when they meet.
- Kristin shared an article from the BG City Guide on the new building in City Park. The new building is moving along and things are proceeding as planned. A ground breaking will be held on May 14 at 1:30, electronic invites will be sent out. Dotson has been really good to work with.
- The trail behind the TACC is completed. It was paved today and the project is finished. The trail may also be used for an emergency entrance/exit if Newton Road ever floods again.
- Earth Day is April 22. Mark Sauber does a great job in getting Efficiency Smart rebates back from new projects such as the HVAC here in the Simpson Building. We will be getting rebate money back for the new building as well.
- Kristin will be on The Morning Show on Friday, April 26 at 7:30 am.
- If you renew your pool passes by May 13 you can renew at the 2018 price. Still working on how to get the message out to school principals about the waiver of need discount for City of Bowling Green families who qualify.
- Jeff Crawford asked if the new Veterans Building is on track to open in January of 2020. Kristin said that it is and to keep our fingers crossed.

Coordinators Reports

- Ivan: Upcoming programs were highlighted. 2019 Summer Brochures were handed out and they are also available in our facilities and online. This summer we will be trying some new things to get more people out to the TACC. We hope that this will let people see that the TACC is more than a fitness center. Community Center pass sales and Mind Body fitness class sales are performing well. Josh Chatfield and Lindy Hoodlebrink have been doing some great new marketing for fitness classes that are helping bring in new people and more revenue. Volunteers are needed for the Egg Scramble; please contact Ivan if you can help. May 4 is the Super Dash, should be a great event.
- Chris: We are getting really good social media coverage with all the Birders. We are now part of the birding loop and that is bringing many more people to the Nature Preserve. We are getting many requests for programming. Many years of pulling garlic mustard have led to less and less chemical use as it is being eradicated from Wintergarden. Daffodils are in bloom and this will lead to many, many more visitors to Simpson Garden Park. Chris passed around an ariel shot of the prescribed burn that was done out at Wintergarden. The burn went exactly as planned and there

were no issues. He also passed around a picture of the front of Wintergarden with all of the standing water. The land is trying to tell us what it wants to be and that is a wetland. BGSU will be conducting an environmental impact statement and mitigation solutions will be researched as we work together to turn the land back in to its natural wetland state.

Lobby Visitation

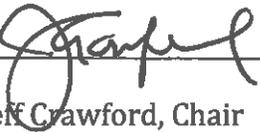
There was no lobby visitation.

Adjourn

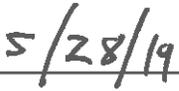
The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Cale Hover and a second by Robin Veitch at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Witt, 5.14.2019



Jeff Crawford, Chair



Date

Next Meeting: May 28, 2019 - Simpson Meeting Room