

## **Bowling Green Parks & Recreation Park Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 28, 2019**

### **Call to order**

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

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Jodi Anderson, Jeff Crawford, Linda Cubberley, Karen Rippey and Monique Rosati

**Absent:** Cale Hover, Jon Laabs, JD Pooley and Robin Veitch

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

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the April meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Monique Rosati and a second by Karen Rippey.

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence was shared with the board.

### **Chairperson's Report: Jeff Crawford**

No report at this time.

### **Old Business**

Board retreat update: Jeff Crawford asked if the staff had a chance to review the summary from the board retreat. Kristin reported that the supervisory team will review this at their June meeting. All supervisors have a copy of the summary and have read it.

### **New Business**

No new business at this time.

### **Parks & Recreation Foundation Report, Jodi Anderson**

The membership breakfast went very well. Larry & Gail Nadar were awarded the Spirit of the Foundation award. The foundation will be scheduling a fundraiser at Sunset Bistro soon.

### **Director's Report: Kristin Otley**

- Weekly construction meetings are held at City Park about the new building. Everything is progressing nicely. Less rain would be nice. The foundation is in and we are on course with the timeline. We are researching and crunching numbers for the new building fee structure. We want to make it so the public can easily afford to rent the spaces. Fall of 2020 is when we should be able to start booking reservations. We will bring the fee structure to the Park Board in August so that it can go to Council in September. We are working with the electrical department on ways to save money in the new building.
- The pool is open. We had a decent weekend. The pool will be open 4p-8p until Friday then we will be having regular summer hours. Shout out to Mark Sauber and his crew who have been working hard to get the pool ready.

### **Coordinators Reports**

- Ivan: Upcoming programs were highlighted. We are having one program after another. There were 90 people at the employee health & fitness day in City Park. The Super Dash was very successful with 140 participating. Thank you to Sandy for her "save the world" speech that got everyone excited and ready to conquer the course. We moved the festival indoors. There was so much mud due to all the rain we have been having. Planning is underway for the zombie run and the DECA kids are a great bunch with lots of ideas for the event. We are in need of volunteers to transport people in the golf cart this summer for the Lunches and Concerts in the Park. Check out the summer brochure online or you can pick up a paper version at one our facilities. Please follow us on Facebook and You Tube.
- Chris: The gardens are growing. The amphitheatre will be undergoing a renovation; there will be no structural changes, we will be removing the rock and gravel and planting thyme. The quilt bed by the entrance of SGP is a ying/yang symbol. We are exploring different uses of the space in the children's area and will be making some changes. The grass is growing; some spots are intentionally high depending on what is planted there. Wintergarden is very wet and we are working with what we have; the front has not been mowed at all this year. If anyone has questions about this please have them contact me. There are many visitors to the nature preserve. Programming is underway. An Eagle Scout will be building a Blue Bird nesting box on the trail at the TACC.

**Lobby Visitation**

Mayor Edwards had a certificate of appreciation for JD Pooley recognizing his time serving on the Park Board. The healing garden looks great. The storybook lines were really nice out in Simpson Garden Park. June 7 will be the Art in the Park. The Mayor wondered if the pool numbers for Memorial Day weekend were comparable to last year. Kristin stated that we have not had a chance to compare them yet.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Karen Rippey and a second by Linda Cubberley at 7:22 pm.

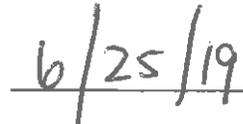
Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Witt, 6.7.2019



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Jeff Crawford, Chair



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Date

Next Meeting: June 25, 2019 - Simpson Meeting Room