

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting August 27, 2019

Call to Order:

Karen Rippey

(7:01pm)

Roll Call:

Present: Jodi Anderson, Linda Cubberley, Cale Hover, Karen Rippey, Phil Simmons, Robin Veitch

Absent: Jeff Crawford, Jon Laabs, Monique Rosati

Others in Attendance: Kristin Otley, Ivan Kovacevic, Chris Gajewicz & Matt Steck

Approval of June & July minutes unanimously passed on the motion of Hover, second by Anderson (June). Unanimously passed on the motion of Cubberley, second by Veitch (July).

Correspondence:

Thank you from BG Chamber of Commerce for golf scramble.

Chris Gajewicz received thank you from Women's Club of BG Garden Group for guided tour.

Chairperson's Report:

No report at this time (Jeff Crawford, Absent).

Old Business:

New Veteran's Building Rates: There was some clarification about what rates covered access to what areas of the new building. Rates were passed unanimously on the motion of Hover and second by Veitch.

New Business:

Approval of 2nd Quarter Fee Waivers unanimously passed on the motion of Hover, second by Anderson.

Foundation Report:

Wine & Cheese flier has been sent out. The live auction includes some exciting prizes including Mackinac Bridge Tour and two additional tours. There are other prizes including an iPad and new bicycle.

Wine & Cheese will have a 5:30p start this year (vs. 5p start from the past).

They have started volunteer sign-up.

Director's Report:

Reminder that leash laws must be obeyed while on parks property. BGPR staff or BGPLD can be contacted if a violation is observed.

Air conditioning at the TACC: Email has been sent to patrons offering them compensation options. The partners of the building have had a conference call and the state is taking the lead on the fix. There has been a consensus to replace the existing chillers which were damaged due to a lightning strike. Priority action is being taken by the state since this involves the general public.

Ohio Parks & Recreation Association magazine had an article co written by Ivan Kovacevic & Kristin Otley.

Best of BG had article on BGPR.

Simpson Garden Park Committee meeting soon.

Community focus groups dates to be set soon. Dr. Shannon Orr will be facilitating these meetings.

Projects:

Ridge Park will be leveled and seeded soon.

City Park building is on schedule. Beginning Sept 3 there will be one way traffic in park. The entry will be paved in October.

There will be a public meeting on new shelter at Carter Park. Due to zoning, a hearing is required since this will be a "structure". Meeting is Sept 5th @ 4p. Perkins and Bellard Shelter will be coming down. The site for the new shelter will be between Natural area & rest rooms.

Coordinator Report:

Chris Gajewicz: Yoga/Tai Chi in garden. There has been an effort to transition the garden from a medicinal to a holistic garden. The program has been met with positive reviews.

Kuebeck forum will be hosting Tracy DiSabato-Aust on 9/9/19; there are currently 90+ RSVP's.

Laura Kerns with ODNR will be speaking on 9/19 on Falcons & Eagles and other predatory birds and their populations and health.

There have been scouting trips with staff to other parks in the area.

History of Simpson Garden Park is being compiled for public consumption. This includes writings on the development and future plans of the park.

BGSU classes working on markers for a historical interpretive trail in Wintergarden.

Ivan Kovacevic: Summer events are done.

Free days at the pool were well received.

Friday Fun Days at the pool were well attended.

Concerts in the Park: Three were relocated as needed due to weather.

Pet Show: Rain forced date change for the first time in many years.

Party in the Park: had about 80-85 people attend.

Fall programs have begun registration.

Lobby Visitation:

Thank you from individual for coupon/discount options for TACC.

Councilman Bill Herald expressed interest in a dog park.

Committee meeting of Simpson Park: Clarification if there will be a public meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

(7:42pm)

Unanimous approval on motion by Veitch, second by Hover.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Steck


Jeff Crawford, Chair
