

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting January 28, 2020

Call to Order:

Jeff Crawford

(7:00pm)

Roll Call:

Present: Jodi Anderson, Jeff Crawford, Linda Cubberley, Cale Hover, Monique Rosati, Phil Simmons & Robin Veitch

Absent: Jon Laabs & Karen Rippey

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

Approval of Minutes: October 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Robin Veitch, second by Cale Hover. There were no Park Board meetings in November 2019 or December 2019.

Correspondence: Passed around and shared with board.

Chairperson's Report, Jeff Crawford: No report at this time.

Old Business: No old business at this time.

New Business:

- A new support fee for the large room in the Veterans Building was unanimously approved on a motion by Cale Hover and a second by Linda Cubberley. The fee will be \$80.00.
- Approval of 4th Quarter Fee Waivers unanimously passed on the motion by Cale Hover and a second by Monique Rosati.

Foundation Report, Jodi Anderson: The Foundation met yesterday and worked on organizing committees, goal setting and discussed having small fundraisers throughout the year. They also approved the purchase of a commercial grade mower with attachments for Simpson Garden Park. Kristin stated that the campaign for Wintergarden Grows is ongoing. The Foundation support is a huge help and greatly appreciated. Update on grants from Kristin: The Black Swamp Conservancy did not get the Nature Works grant for the Wintergarden Grows Campaign. The request did not meet the qualifications for the grant. However, they did receive the Clean Ohio Grant and the campaign should cover the rest. The BG Community Foundation approved two grants, one for more Adirondack chairs to be placed in Simpson Garden Park and the other was for partial funding of a Freedom Climber for out at the Community Center. Wood County Park District approved a grant for interpretive signs to be placed at City Park and at Ridge Park.

Director's Report:

- The original Simpson Garden Park group met on December 4th and discussed Maintenance and Volunteering. The next meeting will focus on Finance and Budgeting. Then there will be one more that will focus on Future Visioning. Jeff Crawford asked what the goal of these meeting was and Kristin answered that the core group can help make decisions for the future of Simpson Garden Park by communicating what their vision is.
- The next Community Focus Group meeting will be on February 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the classroom at the Community Center. The topic for this meeting will be on the Community Center & ALL BGPR programs and events. Free childcare is available for anyone attending the meeting. If you are not able to attend a meeting, you can always email Dr. Orr at skorr@bgsu.edu.
- City Park building is looking really good. Pictures were passed around. Mayor Aspacher, Lori Tretter, Joe Fawcett and Kristin all had a tour and the Mayor was impressed with the workmanship of the building. They are in finishing mode and the building should be completed in a matter of weeks. We have started taking public rentals for September 2020 and beyond. There will be some internal rentals that will be coming up and these will help staff get the feel for the building as well as help us get our procedures in place.
- The 2020 Budget Summary was passed out to the Board. The budget was approved by City Council.
- The 2019 Pool Report was part of the packet. Kristin was happy with the way the season played out after a rough start. Ivan reported that Josh Chatfield does an excellent job with his staff and is very efficient and in tune with containing costs. The rain did have an impact on daily and season passes.

Coordinator's Report: Quarterly report will be emailed out.

Ivan Kovacevic: Winter Break Camps have had about 15 kids at each camp and have been held out at the Community Center. Thanks to Josh Chatfield and Lindy Hoddlebrink for their hard work in continuing to promote the Mind Body program for fitness classes. Mind Body has been doing very well. Eric Fletcher does a great job with our sports programs and youth basketball for this winter is doing great. Fliers were passed out for upcoming events.

Chris Gajewicz: Requests are coming in and being scheduled for programming and school groups. Removing the non-native and invasive species at Wintergarden is an ongoing job and will continue with the help of our staff. A big thank you goes out to the Foundation for approving the purchase of a new mower for Simpson Garden Park. There will be some changes coming to the Peace Garden as we work on erosion/wear issues and how to shore things up. Chris is working on planning Kuebeck Forums focusing on "nuisance" animals and on the feeding of birds.

Lobby Visitation:

- Mayor Aspacher thanked Kristin for the tour of the new building. He was very impressed with the facility and the work of the contractors. The Parks Department plays an important role in the quality of life for those that utilize the services, facilities and parks. A thank you was extended to the Park Board for their valued work serving on the board as volunteers. All Park Board Members are making a positive impact on the community.
- Councilman Hollenbaugh thanked everyone for their hard work and stated that he feels very optimistic that the upcoming year will be a positive one for everyone.

Motion to Adjourn:

(7:42pm)

Unanimous approval on motion by Cale Hover and a second by Linda Cubberley.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Witt, 2.18.2020



Jeff Crawford, Chair

6/23/20

Date