



WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Tuesday, April 15, 2014 Meeting

Members Present - The members present were Dan Armitage, Peter Calamari, Michelle Miller, Rob Wendling, and Darren Hurley, Director of Parks & Recreation.

Also present was Paula Deming representing the Arbor Committee.

The minutes from the March 18, 2014 meeting were approved.

Community Center Membership Survey Results – This is the second year a member survey has been conducted. While the amount of responses increased from last year, most responders visited the gym during weekday daytime hours. There was an equal representation of residency and age ranges. A few of the comments given pertained to the locker rooms, fitness attendants, signage on fitness floor, temperature control, fitness programming, and policy & procedure enforcement. Staff will be looking into ways to increase the response rate on the surveys. Mrs. Miller advised to keep the surveys short and more area-focused. She also recommended publicizing the results, possibly in the newspaper.

Park Rules and Regulations Update – Mr. Hurley reviewed the current Park Rules and Regulations (941.07) and explained the changes being recommended by staff. He then requested a motion to adopt the changes. It was questioned that a “no smoking” rule was not added. Mr. Hurley responded that it was discussed last year when the Commission implemented the “Young Lungs at Play” educational signage program, but would be too difficult for police to enforce nor are they prepared to enforce such rule. The Young Lungs at Play signage has received positive feedback and seems effective enough as it deters smoking in areas where kids are playing/gathered. Mr. Armitage suggested adding archery to rule A-4 pertaining to discharging firearms. Motion was approved to adopt the updated rules and regulations, with the addition of archery to A-4 as a part of the list of devices not permitted for discharge.

Sponsorship Guidelines Review and Recommendation – Council requested a one year update on the adoption of the sponsorship guidelines. The first year goal was met bringing in just over \$12,000 to date. Guidelines have worked well with a few minor changes as the second year begins. Mr. Hurley requested a motion to recommend the new guidelines to Council. Motion was approved.

Other – Mrs. Miller asked if the Marathon in Training group paid any fees to the city for use of the Olentangy Trail because they have such a large following and are a fee based group. Mr. Hurley responded that they do not pay any fees to the city but they have worked with our staff to help coordinate usage and understand our parameters for groups using the trail.

Mrs. Deming spoke on behalf of the Arbor Committee inviting everyone to attend the Arbor Day Event on April 25th at noon on the Village Green and also the Earth Day Clean Up Event at Moses Wright Nature Area on April 26th from 9am to noon. Projects include creating a natural catch basin and removing honeysuckle.

Being no further business, the motion for the meeting to adjourn was granted.