



WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Tuesday, November 18, 2014 Meeting

Members Present - The members present were Dan Armitage, Laura Ball, Peter Calamari, Zoe Gregory-Tims, David Kessler, Michelle Miller, Rob Wendling, Alan Little, Parks Manager, and Darren Hurley, Director of Parks & Recreation.

The minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting were approved.

Community Center Roof Update – Mr. Hurley presented a diagram of the Community Center displaying the layout of the roof. He further described the events that have taken place so far with the replacement process. Mr. Hurley went into detail about the laminated wood beam over the leisure pool that will have to be repaired. Deterioration was found when the old windows over the lazy river were removed. A structural engineer was retained to assess the damage and recommend a fix. The fix will include draining the Leisure Pool and constructing a shoring system from the pool floor up to the beam to stabilize it while it is repaired. The Leisure Pool will have to be closed for 3 to 4 weeks for this work to take place. As of this point, the lap pool and hot tub will remain open during the construction. Staff are assessing the ability to leave them open. Mr. Calamari asked if this would extend the timeline of the project, Mr. Hurley replied that overall it will extend the project, but that the rest of the roof work was continuing and would not be affected significantly. Commission members were concerned about the previously scheduled birthday parties that will be affected. Mr. Hurley confirmed that staff was working on a remedy for the conflict. If the project finished on schedule swim lessons would not be impacted. Commission Members accompanied Mr. Hurley to the Fishbowl to see the location of the beam.

Parks Master Planning Work Session – Mr. Hurley presented the group with an outline draft containing a timeline of target goals to accomplish a Parks Master Plan by end of 2015. The Commission Members brainstormed a few thoughts and concerns during the discussion of the tentative goals. Mr. Hurley indicated staff will gather more information in preparation for the activities listed in January. Ultimately, the goal of the Parks Master Plan is to be in a position to be proactive in planning for park improvements and not just reactively replacing aging equipment and amenities.

Other – Mr. Hurley confirmed that the Ohio Department of Transportation received the funding they were seeking to begin work on the 315 and 270 interchange near the Olentangy Bike Trail. This will mean the trail will have to close for up to 18 months while the work is being completed. In exchange for this closure ODOT will be funding \$250,000 to help extend the trail north of Hills Market. Mr. Hurley stated that

while this is an inconvenience to commuters and those wanting to ride to the north, that it will provide an opportunity for the Shops at Worthington Place and the newly opened trail extension up Wilson Bridge Road.

Mr. Armitage inquired about the option of keeping the gyms open during days when school is cancelled. Mr. Hurley replied that it is no longer an option to call and reserve the gym on the same day so that it may remain open if not already booked. He also described the Elementary Open Gym program that has been running as a success with more open gym time being considered.

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