



WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Tuesday, December 16, 2014 Meeting

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

Paula Deming was also present representing the Arbor Committee.

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

Community Center Roof and Pool Closure Update – Mr. Hurley updated the Commission members on the pool closure and beam repair. The Leisure Pool is now closed and work is underway to repair the beam. Our current projections have the pool being closed for 3-4 weeks.

The pool closure has not generated a lot of negative feedback so far. We are working with affected members who utilize the pool regularly to come up with fair compensation for their lost membership time and we are also working closely with those rentals who had hoped to have pool parties during the closure. Staff have added additional gym times for kids to come in and have access to an open gym and Worthington Pools has agreed to allow Community Center members to swim and various designated open swim times for free. Mr. Hurley complimented Worthington Pools for their partnership in offering additional family swim times in exchange for our help promoting the swimming availability at their pool. We have tried to keep our pool staff in tact by offering opportunities around the building including monitoring the additional open gym times so they can still receive hours.

Outside roof work continues and the tear off and replacement of the roof is nearing completion. Remaining work includes trim and gutter work, window replacements, welding of the decorative ribs and installation of snow guards, and various other button up items around the building.

Parks Master Plan Update – After reviewing the outline for the Park Master Planning Process, Mr. Hurley asked the Commission members to review data that will be sent out for the January meeting in hopes to lead a productive discussion as we kick off our process.

Other – Mr. Burpee informed the Commission that the Mirolo Pavilion opened this past week. It was given the Mirolo name because of a large donation to the project. The pavilion has indoor, heated restrooms which should be available for use most of the time. Mr. Burpee also commented on the beautiful amenities the pavilion has. At this point it is unknown on the availability of the building for City purposes.

Mrs. Ball commented that the sculpture outside the Griswold Center needs a paste wax treatment.

Mrs. Ball also commented that MORPC has a Share the Road packet available that is customizable and available for distribution.

Mr. Hurley commented that another student application has been received and is under review for approval. If approved, hope to have the new student join us at the January meeting.

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