



WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Wednesday January 18th, 2012 Meeting

Members Present - The members present were Dan Armitage, Bob Burpee, Dan Girard, Laura Karagory, Rob Wendling, and Darren Hurley, Director of Parks & Recreation.

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 20th, 2011 meeting was granted.

2012 CIP Project Overview - Darren presented a CIP Project Overview for 2012 listing projects to be completed and an approximate value. Bob Burpee questioned that no playground would be replaced but he was told that that was budgeted for every other year. The Indianola Playground will be replaced this Spring and the money will be carried over from 2011.

2012 Parks and Recreation Commission Goal-Setting/Initiatives - Darren requested some priorities from the members as to what projects they would like to work on and accomplish. The topic of Vision 2020 was revisited. It was decided that Vision 2020 needed to be assessed as to whether or not to move forward or move on. All members are to review the document and come to the next meeting with their ideas.

Other topics brought up were developing trails, fitness floor issues, pursuing paddle sports, and developing fishing/boating access within the parks.

Community Center Hours Update - Darren will be presenting the new hours to Council at the second meeting of the month on February 13th. If the new hours are approved he hopes to put them in place around the time of Spring Break. Darren requested that at least two representatives from the Commission come to that Council meeting.

Community Center Construction Update - The front entrance windows are still leaking. Manufacturing representatives have come out to run tests and have concluded

that this is not an installation error. The manufacturing company is working on a solution.

Marketing and Community Outreach Discussion - Total revenue has plateaued over the past 5 years. The first increase since 2007 in revenue took place this past year. Darren has reorganized the staff and created a Marketing Team in hopes of keeping the revenue going up. The Marketing Team has developed a system for media pieces that go to the public, keeping them coordinated with the city logo and colors. This new team will also handle all special events and develop relationships with community members and businesses. Part-time staff responsibilities have increased in order to save money. Hopefully these changes will continue to show increases in revenue in the upcoming years.

Other - The 2012 Commission officers were selected. Bob Burpee nominated Dave Kessler for Chair. Rob Wendling 2nd that motion and the motion was approved. Dan Girard nominated Bob Burpee for Vice Chair. Rob Wendling 2nd that motion and the motion was approved. Dave Kessler will be Chair and Bob Burpee will be Vice Chair.

Dan Girard wants to update and revitalize the Outdoor Education Building on TWHS's campus. An architect has already drawn up plans for the revitalization and Worthington City Schools has money on the next bond issue to make this project happen. Dan was suggesting this would be a good opportunity for a partnership with Parks & Recreation.

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