



WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Wednesday February 22nd, 2012 Meeting

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 18th, 2012 meeting was granted.

Community Center Hours Implementation - Council approved for the Community Center hours of operation to change beginning Monday April 9th, 2012. The Community Center's change of hours will be publicly announced in the Spring 2012 Brochure Publication, on the city's website, and with signs posted around the Community Center. The change of hours will be assessed for revenue changes and patron response in one year.

Olentangy River Access - Darren asked the Commission to discuss opinions on a plan for pursuing a water trail on the Olentangy River that would travel through Olentangy Parklands. Dan Armitage agreed to reconnect with Phil Miller, ODNR Division of Watercraft, to find out which permits are necessary to this process. The Commission Members are concerned about the piping near Riverlea. Darren agreed to investigate the history behind this process that precedes him, get an update on the Outdoor Education Building discussions that are underway, and seek clarification on property rights at the fishing access.

Olentangy Trail Permits and Special Events - Darren frequently receives requests from organizations asking to use the Olentangy Trail in Worthington for 5K races or other events. The city currently has a vague permit process. Currently Darren handles these requests on a situational basis. His main concern is those requests for 5K events taking over the trail preventing others to use it at the same time. Darren wanted to know if philosophically any of the Commission Members had any suggestions or recommendations on how to make this process more streamline. Darren will

compose a draft of a permit to get opinions on.

Building and Park Project Updates - Darren handed out a memo concerning the front entrance windows of the Community Center. Water is getting inside the window panes then leaking inside the building. The manufacturer of the windows is working on a remedy that will replace the existing gasket. EFCO, Inc., the manufacturer, is incurring all costs for this remedy and plans to complete the project in April 2012.

The exterior doors on the Griswold Center are still in progress completing the final seal.

The Dog Park is nearing completion with the fence needing some more work and a final punch out list. The target is an early July opening. It is still very muddy to complete certain tasks. City of Columbus is nearing the top of their budget at \$248,000. Staff has recommended spending our unused budgeted maintenance costs for this year on a few extra items to finish off the park and take care of some of the work that the construction budget won't allow.. Jennifer Lyon is continuing to pursue fundraising efforts for a kiosk, benches, and various other features. Naming rights for the large and small dog areas is also being considered. Builderscape Inc. has been a great company to work with through this process.

Indianola Playground Tennis Courts have been approved for resurfacing and are ready for work including the other park improvements.

The Village Green benches were approved for repair by replacing the wood with similar products. Ten trees will have to be removed due to disease on the Village Green as well.

Other - Bob Burpee was concerned that he did not see a sign for the Shaker Square Park located on Middlebury Drive. Darren agreed to have Parks Crew look into it.

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