

MINUTES
Recreation Commission
City of Willoughby Hills, Ohio

September 1, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm
PRESENT: Rick Motuza, Chairman; Jeanette Nelson, Vice-Chairman;
Rick Helton, Nick Iarussi, Joe Jarmuskiewicz
ABSENT: Tony Fistek, David Pawar
ALSO PRESENT: Recreation Coordinator, Leslie Harmon;
Council Representative David Fiebig; Clerk, Joan Motuza

CORRESPONDENCE

7/27/09 From Avery Griffin – Request that Commission consider a public skate park
7/27/09 To Avery Griffin – From Mayor Weger – advising Recreation Commission will discuss at first meeting after summer recess.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2009

MOTION: Joe Jarmuskiewicz moved that the Commission approve the minutes as submitted.
Seconded by Rick Helton.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes (Motuza abstain)
Motion passes.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2009

MOTION: Joe Jarmuskiewicz moved that the Commission approve the minutes as submitted.
Seconded by Rick Helton.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes (Iarussi, Nelson – abstain)
Motion passes.

PUBLIC PORTION

None.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Council Representative Fiebig reported that City Council has on first reading: ORDINANCE 2009-66 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE LEASING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2705 RIVER ROAD, WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO.

Councilman Fiebig stated that he expects this to go to committee for discussion prior to passage. Property consists of 7.61 acres, part of which is a ravine. There is no exact formal plan. Current use options would be open land or soccer field. There is talk of having to pave the area. The offer is for a 10-year lease. Members of the Commission pointed out that the leach bed on the property is filled and there is a septic problem which would be costly to resolve. A soccer field or other activities would require provision of bathroom facilities.

RECREATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Coordinator Harmon stated that overall it was a good summer. **Day Camp** had 28 participants who were offered nice field trips and activities. **Golf camps** registration was down, but **Tennis and Soccer Camps** were well received. The soccer coach is interested in giving adult soccer lessons in 2010. **Safety Town** was changed to one week and had 25 participants. **Softball** had a good season with 6 rec teams and 2 travel teams. The **Bakers Square Fund Raiser** had a poor turnout. \$87.20 was received and put back into the softball program. This event will be promoted earlier next time. The **Softball Annual Potluck Picnic** was held on August 19 with games and activities organized by Hurricane parents. The **Flea Market** was good. Minimal expenses were incurred and a profit of \$1250.00 was realized. The **Summer/Fall 2009 City of Willoughby Hills Newsletter** was distributed in August. This was funded by donations from area businesses and done in conjunction with a publisher. The Willoughby Hills **Fall Corn Fest** was fully

covered in this publication along with **Fall Excursions** being offered by Discovery Tours. The **Halloween Party** date has been set for Saturday, October 24. Coordinator Harmon has asked the Boy Scouts to do the Haunted Hayride. Van's Photo (Mentor) will take photos at a cost of \$2.00/child and will provide a photo in photo holder. A minimum of 100 photos are required.

Rick Helton commented that the Willoughby Hills Newsletter had no mention of any boys' sports or activities. He felt this was a disadvantage to the community since this is their way to get information. Coordinator Harmon apologized and stated this will be rectified in future issues.

It was pointed out that a Willoughby Pool Pass does not apply to the kiddie pool. The City of Willoughby Hills subsidizes pool passes. Coordinator Harmon will look into the reason kiddie pools are not included.

460 FUND

The Finance Department has not yet transferred profit from the 2009 Pancake Breakfast to the 460 Fund. A profit of \$1368.83 was reported at the April meeting by Recreation Coordinator Harmon. Coordinator Harmon was asked to follow up on this.

MOTION: Jeanette Nelson moved that the Mayor be requested to transfer profit from the Flea Market to the 460 Fund. Seconded by Rick Helton.
Roll call vote: Ayes unanimous.
Motion passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

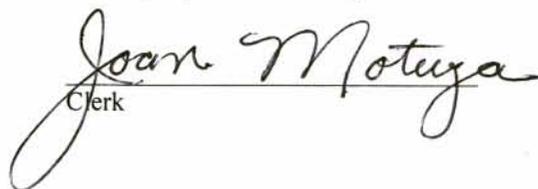
Council Representative Fiebig reported that no action has begun regarding the **Bocce courts**. They will start moving dirt after the Corn Fest and it is anticipated that the project will be completed by Spring 2010. The soccer fields have been relocated. Members of the Commission visited the I & A Bocce Tournament and reported that it was well attended –sponsors-vendors-alcohol. The Commission feels it will not be long until Phase II of our project can be put into place. They asked that expansion plans be included in the original planning stage. Councilman Fiebig stated that the Mayor has received an offer of a \$25,000 donation for this bocce project from an anonymous donor. Coordinator Harmon reported that **Community Center Literature** is being updated with new photos. Summer rentals are down. The Commission suggested that she look into getting a City caterer for the Center. Chairman Motuza requested that Commission members continue to be on the lookout for additional recreational programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Resident Avery Griffin requested that the Commission consider his recommendation of a public skate park. The Commission has discussed this in the past but found that they are limited by the cost of the project. Funds are not available at this time.

MOTION: Jeanette Nelson moved to adjourn; seconded by Nick Iarussi.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes unanimous
Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.


Clerk


Chairman

Date: October 6, 2009