

MINUTES
Recreation Commission
City of Willoughby Hills

April 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 7:04 pm
PRESENT: Chairman, John Plecnik; Vice-Chairman, Dan Philipp
Barbara Araps, Dee Germano (arrived at 7:12 pm), Lynn Hallum, Joseph Jarmuszkiewicz,
Laura Lenz, Gloria Majeski
ABSENT: Jeanette Nelson, David Pawar
ALSO PRESENT: Council Representative Christopher L. Biro
Recreation Coordinator Denise Edwards
Joan Motuza, Clerk

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF 3/6/13

MOTION: Gloria Majeski moved that the Commission approve the minutes as submitted.
Seconded by Dan Philipp
Roll call vote: Ayes w/1 abstention
Motion passes

CORRESPONDENCE

3/7/13 e-mail from Coordinator Edwards that Hindu Sway Amsevak Sangh and Girl Scout Troop #71375-Unit 762 were notified by phone that additional information is requested by the Commission for their decision regarding sanctioning.
3/15/13 To Joyce Grady, Lake County League of Women Voters, advising that Commission granted them sanction for the year 2013.
3/15/13 To Finance Director Brichacek advising Commission action allocating funds to provide new signs at Campbell Park.
3/27/13 To The News-Herald – Requesting meeting publication in listing of public meetings.
Reports: 460 YTD Fund Report
Community Center Usage Report 3/1/13-3/31/13

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Council Representative Biro advised that they are almost done composing the Boys League Memo of Understanding (MOU). When completed it will be forwarded to Council in the form of an ordinance or resolution.

RECREATION REPORT

2013 Pancake Breakfast. Final report not available. Ticket money remains outstanding.

2013 Easter Party. 168 children attended (44 were WH residents), 95 families 25 of which were from Willoughby Hills.

Numbers not final. Final report will be made at May meeting. Willoughby Chick-Fil-A provided certificates for free cookies. The Captains provided Skipper and 4 game tickets which also entitle the winner to throw out the first pitch. The event was chaotic. The Commission discussed need for changes/improvements at future events – room layout, crowd control, cheating for your children, tickets for juice, etc. Pre-registration and limited attendance may be an option. It was suggested that Skipper not be brought out for the very young groups as he might be too intimidating.

Softball/Baseball. Openings are available in all age groups. Coaches are meeting and have implemented a concussion awareness program. Background checks are in process. The season will start on June 3.

Safety Town. Registration for 4 & 5 year olds entering kindergarten this year has begun.

WH Appreciation Day with Lake County Captains has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2013. Mayor Weger will throw out the first ball. Game is at 7 pm. Appreciation day will include softball and baseball players. Each player will receive a free ticket from the Captains. Ticket cost is \$7, food voucher \$6, pre-paid parking \$5. Free stadium tours will be offered to residents of Willoughby Hills. Ticket distribution is being handled by the Captains. However, if residents bring their forms and money to the Community Center Denise will, on a weekly basis, go to the Captains Stadium and obtain tickets for those residents.

Flea Market – August 10, Rain Date, August 11, 2013. 20' x 20' space for residents is \$20, non-residents, \$30.

Boys League Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – Sunday, April 28, 2013. Tickets are \$10, Ages 6-12 - \$7, 5 & under – free. Tickets are available at the Community Center.

Craft Fair – October 12, 2013. All items are to be hand made. Registrations have begun.

Community Center Usage Report – March 2013. Coordinator Edwards reviewed the report.

Corn Fest 2014. Due to the fact that the previous Corn Fests were plagued by rain, the event has been rescheduled to August 17 & 18. The WH Community Touch-A-Truck has also been rescheduled to Saturday, August 17 to be coupled with the Corn Fest event. The first meeting of the 2014 Corn Fest organization committee is scheduled for April 16th.

460 FUND

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE ENHANCEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF RECREATIONAL LANDS AND FACILITIES

460 Fund Unencumbered Balance 4/1/13 = \$24,855.11

Note: \$1900 encumbered for Campbell Park Signs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Plecnik brought the following to the attention of the Commission:

At the June 6, 2011 meeting of the Commission, Frank Cihula of the Willoughby Hills Historical Society presented information on memorial trees planted in 1953 at Garfield school in memory of 3 children killed on the streets of Willoughby Hills. Our Service Department removed a dead Tulip poplar tree at the Garfield site during the recent demolition of the school. Mr. Cihula indicated that this tree was planted as a memorial and should be replaced.

Chairman Plecnik requested that the Commission designate \$1000 to the restoration of this tree along with new memorial plaques. The Commission did not act on this request as they felt that it was premature to encumber funds for landscaping prior to completion of plans for placement of bleachers, parking, etc. Council Representative Biro felt that, since the land is leased from the Willoughby-Eastlake School District, we should also communicate our plans to them. Gloria Majeski stated she will discuss this with Mayor Weger and ask that he contact School Board Chairman Thompson to discuss our plans at Garfield. Chairman Plecnik stated that he would like this matter resolved at the next meeting. He directed the Clerk to write a letter to Nate Catania requesting the cost of replacing the tree along with the cost of a plaques. Chairman Plecnik advised he would submit to Nate Catania the verbiage to be on the plaque for quoting purposes.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC PORTION

Linda Fulton – Marcum Blvd. - Wonderful things we are doing for the children. What's the progress regarding the bocce courts?

Prasad Bakshi – Par Lane – and other representatives of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh presented to the Commission an overview of their organization.

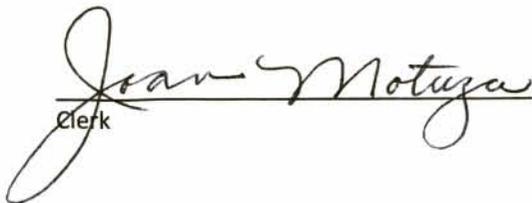
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Laura Lenz moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Lynn Hallum

Voice vote: Ayes unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.


Clerk


Chairman

Date approved: May 8, 2013