

MINUTES
Recreation Commission
City of Willoughby Hills, Ohio

March 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 p.m.
PRESENT: Jeanette Nelson, Vice Chairman, Rick Helton, David Pawar,
and Joe Jarmuszkiewicz
ABSENT: Rick Motuza, Chairman, Nick Iarussi and Tony Fistek
ALSO PRESENT: Recreation Coordinator Leslie Harmon, Council Representative
David Fiebig, Mayor Robert Weger, Councilman David Reichelt,
and Gloria Majeski, Clerk (substituting for Clerk Joan Motuza)

Vice Chairman Jeanette Nelson assumed the role of Chairman for tonight's meeting in the absence of Chairman Rick Motuza. The meeting was held in the Community Center O'Ryan Room due to City Hall Council Chambers being unavailable due to renovation.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2009

MOTION: Rick Helton moved that the Commission approve the minutes of 2/3/09 meeting.
Seconded by David Pawar.
Roll call vote: Ayes unanimous
Motion passes 4/0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

2/4/09 e-mail from Recreation Coordinator Harmon to members of the Recreation Commission & City Council – Organization of Bocce Court Subcommittee
2/11/09 e-mail from Executive Assistant Majeski – advising unavailability of Council Chambers for March Recreation Commission meeting.
2/27/09 From Lake County Visitors Bureau – Rejection of our grant request.

PUBLIC PORTION

Dave Reichelt thanked the Recreation Commission for their donation to City Music. Council appreciated this donation to City Music, who also appreciated the donation in view of these hard economic times. Dave reminded the Commission that the 5/8/09 concert at St. Noel at 8:00 p.m. will be the last one of the season with an 18-member choir and full orchestra. The City Music is also currently working with Willoughby-Eastlake Schools to train students on string instruments.
Public Portion closed at 7:15 p.m.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Councilman Dave Fiebig reported that the Recreation Committee of Council met recently to finalize a policy for "Use of Public Property", particularly to set rates for use of the Community Center, and hopes to have a finished product by the next meeting of Recreation Commission.

RECREATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Leslie reported that the pancake breakfast on 3/1/09 served 462 (350 served last year) and credits this possibly to extending the time to facilitate late church service attendees. She hopes for 600 this weekend, and indicated that 462 attendees this weekend will enable us to break even.

Leslie reported that Recreation Programs Sign Up have started during the pancake breakfasts. Softball sign up is "slow", but mailers were sent to all previous participants and it is expected to pick up. Recreation programs have been posted on website and Channel 12. "Summer Harvest" is the theme for this year's Day Camp. Sports camps and Safety Town will also be available. Recreation is partnering with Boys League for brochure distribution. Leslie reported that she has a flyer regarding Community Center availability, but is working on a brochure. Regarding transfer to the 460 Fund, Leslie reported that Christmas Card Lane did not show a profit as new posts and new lighting needed to be purchased (\$1800) and 15 signs at \$35 per sign netted \$525.

A Bocce Sub Committee, which consisted of Rick Motuza, Dave Fiebig and Rick Helton met and reviewed information regarding bocce courts. Basically, the location of the court was discussed, with Dave Fiebig later speaking with Mayor Weger for input. Pros and cons of all locations were discussed. Rick Helton is getting materials together. Size of court was discussed. Discussion of 477 transformer (existing) ensured; next meeting date of this committee is yet to be determined. Leslie will email copy of meeting minutes. Jeanette Nelson announced rules regarding Public Meeting (legal requirement - 48 hour advance notice to The News-Herald for publication); Recreation Commission and Coordinator advised.

Flyers are available for Lake County Captains Day on June 14, 2009. Dave Fiebig suggested Leslie research having a picnic available as well in the pavilions for an additional fee. Leslie will follow up with LC Captains.

Casino night idea was denied by both Chief Collins and Tom Lobe due to stringent Lake County gambling laws.

Lake County Visitors Grant was denied due to bocce not meeting their eligibility requirements, and financial data not being provided.

Upcoming events:

Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday 4/4/09 – 100 Polaroid's left – 350 to 400 kids expected; photos will cost \$2 each since cost is \$1.70 to produce. Mayor Weger will research color printer to do additional photos.

Halloween Party – set date for Saturday 10/24/09. Dave Pawar suggested recruiting high school students to form teams to work Haunted Hayride for a contest. This will be considered as date gets closer.

Jeanette inquired about volunteers for the events. Leslie said she can use volunteers for photos and crowd control for the Easter Egg Hunt. She will email all members reminders.

Dave Pawar asked Leslie if WH Methodist Sports Camp was charged a fee because group members had told him that they had been told there may be a fee. Joe Jarmuskiewicz said he also had been asked by members if there was going to be a fee. Leslie said that there would be no fee for this group.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Copies of bocce grant proposal was distributed.

PROGRAM IDEAS:

None to report.

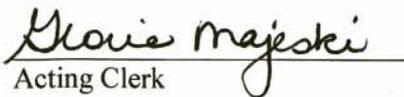
NEW BUSINESS:

None to report.

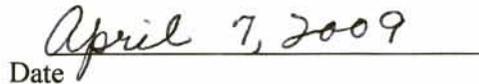
Prior to close of the meeting, Leslie reported that Tom Horwatt (Boys League) had surgery two week ago and was doing better, in case members wanted to send a card.

MOTION: Rick Helton moved to adjourn; seconded by David Pawar.
Voice vote: Ayes unanimous
Motion passes 4/0.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.


Acting Clerk


Chairman


Date

Note: Recreation Commission meetings are recorded on audio tape and tapes are considered a public record. This meeting was taped by Dave Reichelt in the absence of Council Chamber recorder.