

MINUTES

Recreation Commission

City of Willoughby Hills

April 5, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 pm
PRESENT: Lynn Hallum, Chairman; Joseph Jarmuszkiewicz, Vice-Chairman; Sandy Grubiss, Jeanne Kaston, Jim Walsh (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), and Kristina Zeleznik
ABSENT: Dee Germano
ALSO PRESENT: Denise Edwards, Rec Coordinator; Gloria Majeski, Clerk Pro-Tem, Shadowed by Marianne Sinkko, applicant for Rec. Comm. Clerk position

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF March 1, 2017

MOTION: Vice Chairman Jarmuszkiewicz moved that the Commission approve the minutes
Seconded by Sandy Grubiss
Roll call vote: Ayes unanimous
Motion passes 5/0 (Jim Walsh not yet present for vote)

CORRESPONDENCE

undated Note from resident Jean Shibley RE: Thank you for Photo Contest
3-28-2017 Email from Denise Edwards RE: Chick Fil A donation for Easter Eggstravanza
3-22-2017 Email from Chairman Lynn Hallum RE: 2018 Recreation Event Dates

- 2018 Event Date Schedule - received from Denise Edwards
- Sanctioning Request Forms from:
Academic Decathlon of Excellence, Inc.
Girl Scout Troop 762
Girl Scout Troop 71012
Sag COMM (Ham Radio Club)

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

No Council Representative was present at tonight's meeting. Recreation Coordinator Denise Edwards did report, however, on a few issues related to Council as follows:

- Denise reported that she attended the 3/6/17 Working Committee of Council meeting. Council had requested information regarding the Willoughby Soccer Club and use of fields. She provided them with a written response, which she will email to all members and have available for the record at the next Recreation Commission meeting. In addition, Council had questions about the Grange, which she deferred to Grange Curator Bob Bartolotta and Scoutmaster John Krauss, who were at the meeting.
- Since the above meeting, she has received an email from Councilman Fiebig, requesting a list of all sanctioned groups and the dates they became sanctioned. She is in the process of

this list for him. In doing so, she came across a few groups who had been sanctioned in the past, but had not renewed for 2017, so she has presented some of those groups at tonight's meeting for sanctioning.

Chairman Lynn Hallum has requested that the Recreation Commission Clerk notify Council of future meetings, specifically if we have issues that Council may be interested in. The new clerk, Marianne Sinkko, has been so advised.

Note: Recreation Commission member Jim Walsh arrived at this point in the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

RECREATION REPORT

Sports Programs:

Vice Chairman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz reported on Baseball. He indicated that Willoughby Hills Boys League (WHBL) currently has teams. There were not enough signups to cover all of the ages for Girls Softball and they were offered teams in Wickliffe and Willoughby this year. It was mentioned that we need to put signs up early to promote registration. We are hopeful that the girls we lost this year may come back to play in WH next year.

Vice Chairman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz announced that at last night's WHBL meeting, it was discussed to change the organization's name to "Willoughby Hills Youth Sports League" so that it would be more identifiable to include both boys and girls. Girls' Softball would be taken into this program beginning in 2018. Joe announced that the league needs coaches and Board members for WHBL. He announced that new fences for the fields will be put up in a few weeks. He discussed the need for dirt for the fields, (\$460 per load, need 1 load per field). He estimated the cost to be approximately \$3360 plus labor by our Service Department. If funding is not available in the Field Improvement Fund, the cost will need to be paid by the 460 Fund. Joe Jarmuszkiewicz made a motion to allocate up to \$4,000 from the 460 Fund to use to upgrade the fields, if there is no funding in the Field Improvement Fund. The motion was seconded by Jim Walsh.

VOTE: ALL AYES; NO NAYS (6-0); MOTION PASSES. Up to \$4,000 from the 460 Fund will be allocated for the field improvements if there is no funding available in the Field Improvement Fund. In closing, Joe said he looks forward to the Boys' Season opener on 5/13/17.

Pancake Breakfasts

Recreation Coordinator Denise Edwards reported that she is still waiting to finalize the numbers for the 2 breakfasts, but estimates profit to be approximately \$2,500 for the two weeks. She thanked all of the volunteers. She indicated that Bob Evans will no longer be able to provide batter and we need to seek another vendor, possibly Perkins in Painesville. Jim Walsh asked about a lower attendance this year. She will provide the numbers at the next meeting with the finalized report.

Craft Show

Recreation Coordinator Denise Edwards reported that it was a good, successful show. There were 77 vendor spaces sold and 635 visitors to the event. She thanked Jeanne Kaston and Kyle Overmyer for the excellent job with the Concession Stand. The evaluations that were returned were good. She is

to finalize the numbers, but estimates a profit of approximately \$3,700. She had many compliments about Kristina Zeleznik taking refreshments to the lower level for vendors throughout the entire event.

Easter Eggstravanza

Recreation Coordinator Denise Edwards reported that there is still time to register for the 1500 slots and the count was at 700 at Monday night's meeting. They anticipate selling out the event. Volunteers are still needed, will assist with parking and shuttle. Volunteers are also needed on Friday, 4/7/17 to help with setup beginning at 10 am. Volunteers on Saturday should report at 9 a.m. and we will need volunteers to help with communication on the bus, to explain what is happening once they arrive at Calvary Church for the event. Buses start at 9 a.m. Denise thanked our sponsors: Willo-Hill Dental Group, State Farm, V'sonno's, La-Vera Party Center, Pat O'Brien Chevrolet and Mike & Bethany Germano (residents). She also received 100 eggs, filled with gift certificates from Texas Road House and 1000 gift cards and bags from Chick Fil A. Lake County Captains provided a four pack of tickets for a Captains Game, but cannot offer Skipper since that is Opening Day at Classic Park. Denise mentioned that Texas Road House has some great fundraising ideas that we may want to consider in the future.

2018 Proposed Events

Recreation Coordinator Denise Edwards said that our dates still need to be finalized, but she needs to block Community Center rental dates to coordinate with our events. Chairman Lynn Hallum referenced her email in which she had concerns about the Easter Party being the same day as the start of Spring Break next year. Denise acknowledged that and indicated that we will need to see the impact on Calvary, since they host the event.

Community Center Reports

The reports were not in the packet, but will be in the future (Clerk has been advised).

Open House

Recreation Coordinator Denise Edwards said that we are looking at a date to have an open house at the Community Center to increase rentals. She anticipates it would be on a week night. We would invite residents and businesses, offer snacks and perhaps partner with the Library and WH Lions to give them a chance to show their facilities as well. Zumba and Yoga could also participate. Jim Walsh spoke of marketing with other cities. Denise thought we may be able to do this with the Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce. She will look for a future date, possibly September. Jim Walsh offered to lead the group on this.

Campbell Park Playground:

Joe Jarmuszkiewicz gave the group an overview of the NCI Welding Project affiliated with Willoughby Eastlake Schools.

Other None

460 FUND

No report was available. The Clerk was not aware that the 460 Fund Report should be acquired from the Finance Director prior to the meeting. For the next meeting, the Clerk has been instructed to obtain the April and May reports to present to the Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Concession Stand at Roemisch Field

Vice Chairman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz advised the Commission that the WHBL had discussed this again at their meeting. Gloria Majeski told them that she is still waiting for Service Dept. worker Ken Richards to take photos outside and inside of the Concession Stand so she can send them to her contact at the ADA for recommendation. She has waited quite a while for Ken's photos and will ask again and speak with Road Superintendent Mark Grubiss to expedite this.

2) Rick Motuza Memorial

Recreation Coordinator Denise Edwards said she wanted to get this old agenda item taken care of. There was discussion about doing a player bench on Field C or Field H, but Vice Chairman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz said that a player's bench would be difficult, given the way the fields are laid out. Instead, they wanted to revisit the idea of a bench with "Motuza" inscribed, as was discussed some time ago by the Commission. The Commission asked Gloria Majeski to bring that information to the next meeting for discussion. All members were also asked to bring forward any other ideas they may have to finalize some type of memorial for Rick Motuza.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Sanctioning of the following groups was discussed and voted on:

Leadership Lake County
Academic Decathlon of Excellence, Inc.
Girl Scout Troop 71012
Girl Scout Troop 762
Sag COMM (Ham Radio Club)

Vice Chairman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz made a motion to approve the sanctioning of all of the above groups. Kristina Zeleznik seconded the motion. VOTE: ALL AYES/NO NAYS. 6-0 MOTION PASSES. The groups listed above are hereby sanctioned by the Willoughby Hills Recreation Commission.

2) Pickle Ball Courts:

Vice Chairman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz brought up the idea of installing Pickle Ball Courts, probably using half of the current basketball court at Campbell Park, rather than infringing on the current tennis courts, which are in the process of being refurbished with the NatureWorks Grant. Joe

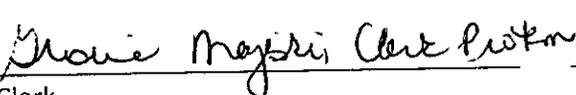
said that pickle ball is gaining popularity. It is a cross between tennis and tabletop tennis. It is played on a smaller court than tennis, using a bigger ball, with less running. He would envision dividing the basketball court in half, leaving the ability to play a half-court basketball game and using the other half to install three pickle ball courts (20'X44'), 34" high net and 24' across. Recreation Coordinator Denise Edwards said that Kyle had taken photos of the Gates Mills pickle ball courts (4). Vice Chairman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz said that he wanted to bring it up tonight in order to do more research and discuss at the next meeting. He said resident Donna Klements would be speaking in Public Portion to give us more information and share her knowledge of the popularity of this sport.

PUBLIC PORTION:

- 1) Donna Klements, 2550 Dodd Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094
Mrs. Klements introduced herself as one who participates in pickle ball and teaching the sport for the YMCA using the Willoughby courts. In addition, she has used courts in Mentor, where there are 12 courts currently, with two more being added. There are 2 more courts on Heisley Road in Mentor. These courts are used for tournaments as well. The tournaments bring in players from other states. Mentor does not charge for court use. There is open play on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Donna showed the pickle ball racquet and ball. Rule of the game call from 11 points to win, with the winning team having to win by two points. You must serve to be able to earn the point. She said it is very popular in Arizona and Florida, with elder population. She said she would be happy to answer any other questions the group may have as they proceed to look at the possibility of having pickle ball courts in Willoughby Hills.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lynn Hallum at 8:37 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman

Date approved: 5-3-2017

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