

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

December 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:00am on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. Board Members Chairman Dave Schrader, Joy Phillips, Justin Billings, Al Renedo, Greg Giordano, Elizabeth Giordano, Carolyn Marlowe and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The November 13, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Smithsonian Home Town Team Exhibition (One of only 8 Cities) – We applied for the grant for the exhibition from the Humanities Council and it was approved. It will be located in the incubator building for 6 weeks from the end of March through the month of April (We don't have exact dates yet.) The exhibition will highlight local Sports Athletes that have made a difference in the lives of others and will be run by volunteers and RAC staff.
- Jasmin Park is Complete except the Park Sign – The new sidewalk has been painted pink, there are new picnic benches and trash cans. The sign will be completed in about a year. Vegetation has been cleaned up too.
- Street Parade (City Council & Rec. Center Floats) – Elaine followed behind City Council in her jeep, which was also decorated for the parade. There were many positive comments about the familiarity of the RAC; "I go swimming there", etc.
- Grey Preserve (Up-date) – Will go to BID again (an extension date has been requested with the State) to re-design the walking trail and have the connection for the bike trail.
- Bridge/Wetlands at Grey Preserve? – Phase II has been started at Grey Preserve. We may open both parcels of land at the same time.
- Frances Avenue Park – needs attention; the playground needs mulch, repairs are needed, needs new benches, repaving will be done next year; potholes will be filled in, for now.
- Holiday Photo (will take at the end of the meeting)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Youth Advisory Board/\$1,000 for Comfort Bags – They received a grant with the Community Service Council as a donation of \$1,000 to use for children in the domestic violence shelters. They are going to stuff duffel bags with a card, an outfit, a teddy bear, a blanket, and some toiletries for the young ones that go to these shelters. They will present the bags to the shelter managers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Toys for Tots – The RAC will have 4 days of distribution for 1600 families. 10 other distribution sites have toys that go through the RAC and get sent to the other sites in the County. Gym B will be closed from tonight through December 21st.
- Winter Art Show – December 14th – will be moved to the gymnasium because of rain and bad weather predicted for Friday. 11 schools will have art work to display and there will be choral groups from 2 or 3 schools that will sing Christmas Carols. The Red Apple School sells artwork for patrons to purchase.
- The Free Concert will be held on Saturday, December 15th with Mullins Music kids at 6pm and Shawn Brown on at 7pm.
- Movie Night – December 22nd – we may do a surprise Santa.
- Winter Camp – Here are some flyers for Winter Camp that you may distribute.
- Adult Basketball League registration is going on now.
- Membership Sale begins on 12/18/18 – We have new shirts to give away to members this year. We have a free 5-Day Trial now through December 17th to get new members. All will get a “Welcome” email. Toddler Time is a huge hit and a great marketing tool. Santa will visit, parents may tour the Child Watch area, and the Kiddie Pool area, and get to socialize. There have been requests to have a Toddler Time program in the evening. We have coffee for members every Tuesday & Wednesday. Many members are surprised that the front desk staff address them by name.

VOX POP

There's a Nurse that wants to shadow our staff because they are so friendly, helpful, warm, and inviting.

Pickleball is very popular. We want to have more tournaments that will bring more to our facility. Tom bought a wheelchair, and teaches beginners; equipment is also provided.

The "N" is still taped on the overlook and it has not yet been cleaned. (2 months)

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at 7am at the RAC.

The Holiday Photo was taken, and card signed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marlowe
Secretary

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