Berkley Parks and Recreation Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes 10/10/19

Attendance: Gary Polk, Betty Smith, John Nicolai, Mike Kerby
City Council Member: Bridget Dean
Absent: Greg Patterson, Jes Alger, Josh Pollard
Parks and Recreation: Theresa McArleton
Call to order: 7:35 PM by Chair, Mike Kerby
Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Betty Smith and seconded by Gary Polk
Approval of prior minutes: Updated Boofest date to 10/28 and then motion by Betty smith and seconded by Gary Polk
Public Comments: None
Program Update:
New instructor beginning for Senior Fitness (which use to be called Enhanced Fitness) with Linda Johnson who also teaches Zumba classes at the Community Center coming in to teach. Classes will now cost $1 per class. Senior casino trip numbers have been up, senior group attended a play at Meadowbrook to see ‘Murder on the Orient Express’ on 10/19, also Blakes Apple Orchard on 10/2 and monthly lunches continue to be well attended.
Fall programs are completing 1st sessions, drop-in play continues to be up on Mondays and Fridays, vacation camp ran for the fall Jewish holiday school closings. Working on the 2020 Buzz and winter programming

GRANT WORK
Staff met with HRC to begin bid document design for the work at Oxford/Merchants park. Bid documents will need to be approved by the DNR and we hope to have them out in January/February of 2020 with work to begin in April of 2020. Discussion regarding bathrooms at the park and cleaning of them, also discussion from Chair, Mike Kerby about how we can incorporate that into the restrooms at Community Field 1. Also a discussion regarding possible upgrades to the concession restrooms from Dad’s Club.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Touch-A-Truck was a huge success and it is great running an event with three departments. Many thanks to Shawn Young and the DPW crew for getting so many vehicles to the event and for being so great with all the participants. Also thanks to Public Safety for their efforts.
Tale on the Trail with the Library happening at Jaycee Park on 10/24, should be a great event. BooFest on 10/28 with the Junior Women’s is always a great event. Next be event will be the Senior Luncheon for Christmas at Farina’s at 12PM on 12/9.

ARENA DEMO
90% complete. A few minor items to be done in the next week.

FUTURE PARK IMPROVEMENTS
New play equipment slated for Jaycee Park, also bathrooms desired there, new play equipment in the coming years scheduled for Tot-Lot and Community parks. New fencing needed at Angell in the ballfields, discussion to continue with Dad’s Club about this funding as well as the dugouts at Angell ballfield. Discussion regarding the upcoming Recreation Master Plan to begin in 2020 and how to tie in the future needs.

MISCELLANEOUS
John Nicolai: Happy with the Angell basketball court updates, wants to be more involved with the Friends of Berkley Parks & Recreation
Gary Polk: nothing tonight
Betty Smith: Pleased with all the programs running in the department
Theresa McArleton: Thank you to Berkley Hoops for the donation of the basketball poles, backboards and netting and will be formally recognized at the City Council meeting on 10/21/19
Bridget Dean: Council attended the MML conference in Detroit and she attended a Parks & Recreation asset management presentation. Talked about more than just play structures, but trees, plants, and equipment inventory. City Council is working on a marijuana ordinance and using a metrix point system, will allow for three (3) rooftops. Council is also looking to re-work the ethics ordinance
Mike Kerby: Asked about having the Mayor provide an update on the committee that is looking at the Community Bond issue. Perhaps letting people know what is being talked about, studied and reviewed. Also asked about recipients past recreation awards.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:30 PM Motioned by Gary Polk and seconded by John Nicolai