

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting – January 12, 2017

Present: Betty, Josh, Theresa, Mike, Alan (City Council), Gary, John

Called to Order: 7:01PM

Agenda Approved

Guest Comments: NONE

Matter of Arena/Community Center Updates

First few meetings for arena future were productive. March 20th is the deadline for feedback on the future of the arena/city hall. Tour of city hall and community center will be next week then a recommendation on March 20th to see if what projects will be financed (if at all). The citizen advisory committee is a good representation of the entire community population to guide us in the right direction.

Community survey for the future of the community center went out Wednesday and will conclude January 27th. Surveys available online and hard copies at city buildings.

The walking track and teen center are going very well. Today, there were 18 teens at the center, which is very rewarding.

The Teen Center Needs:

Pool Table

Foosball (on its way)

TV**

Bean Bag Chairs

Food**

Floor Hockey

Video Game Area – Wii, PS4, XBOX, Retro Nintendo/Sega**

Multiple groups in regards to availability have approached the Parks Department. However, we do not know the long term plans for the space. It is good news that there is a lot of buzz around the arena, and we are hopeful to have activities there over the next couple of years.

Matter of Program Updates

Seniors

Need a part time senior transportation driver (around \$10.40/HR)

Winter lights trips were very successful

Phantom of the Opera Event – 26 people

Chair Yoga has many sign ups

Tax Prep Program to help seniors with their taxes starts soon

Winter programs are all kicking off including urban gym and boot camps. Drop-in play, Zumba, and other programs are all getting started.

Mother-son and daddy-daughter dances close to selling out.

February 4 is WINTERFEST NOON – 3PM.

Winter Break Camp and Spring Break Camp coming up

Matter of Oxford Park Update

Drainage bids are due January 27th. The drainage system will not solve every problem, but it will help immensely.

Land Water Conservation Grant – Required to have a public meeting – March 9th board meeting will also be a open meeting to go over plans for Oxford Park. Resolution is due to council on March 20th. Plan: Ask \$125,000 from the state (city will match) to start the project.

A concrete walkway, new playground equipment and small splash pad is the temporary plan.

Matter of Winterfest Update

A couple weeks out – very excited. Sponsorship is doing very well this year, and everything is coming together very well. Archery this year is an added event, free face painting, soup off and many other fun activities.

****Cakes for Winterfest are needed (have to be store bought)****

Miscellaneous

Jason: Sorry for missing last month! He had a great time at the holiday parade and is looking forward to upcoming events

Josh: Baseball facility doing great – a lot of kids coming out to participate. Excited about foosball table to the teen center, euchre tournament, and Winterfest!

John: Berkley Hoops is having a difficult time finding basketball hoops due to the gyms being re-done. He is very excited about the Berkley Youth Center – his son is utilizing the space. Interested in seeing how the community center/ice arena will paly out.

Betty: Euchre tournament is February 25th at American Legion. Betty will bring Teen Center needs up to her committee this upcoming Tuesday and will communicate with Theresa.

Gary: Wish a speedy recovery to Josephine, and happy belated birthday to Josephine. Gary is very excited how well the ice arena space is going.

Theresa: The Chamber of Commerce along with others is putting on a street art fest in July along Coolidge and Twelve Mile. Dream Cruise is trying to work out a Chevy event at Westborn Market on Saturday. Amanda is having a baby boy! Congratulations! Thank you to the board for encouraging a teen center. That is what this board is all about.

Alan: Thank you to the advisory board for all the work. All volunteers are much appreciated. Theresa has been a great leader of the Parks & Recreation department. Off to the Races is February 4th at Venetian Club in Madison Heights.

Mike: Happy Birthday Josephine! Thank you for the teen center and the hard work to keep that together. Donations to the teen centered are appreciated and welcomed.

Adjournment: 8:48PM (motion by John, seconded by Josh)

Next regular meeting is Tuesday February 9, 2017 at 7:00PM.