Berkley Parks and Recreation Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes 2/13/2020

Attendance: John Nicolai, Greg Patterson, Gary Polk, Betty Smith, Joshua Pollard
Absent: Mike Kerby
Parks and Recreation: Theresa McArleton
City Council: Mayor Pro Tem Bridget Dean
Call to order: 7:01 PM
Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Betty Smith and seconded by Joshua Pollard
Approval of prior minutes: Motioned by Josh Pollard and Seconded by John Nicolai
Public Comments: None.

MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION WITH CARLISLE WORTMAN:
Community Development Director Erin Schlutow and Megan gave a presentation and update on the Master Plan. They asked on what the board would like to see in the Master Plan. They performed an exercise asking for input. The also asked which other groups they should visit since they are going to many different groups in Berkley.

PROGRAM UPDATES:
New session of Chair Yoga will be starting on March 2 (Monday) and March 5 (Thursday). You can sign up for one day, both days, or drop-in when you are available. Teaming with Area Agency on Aging 1-B to offer a Matter of Balance Class. Runs 8 Weeks starting in March for 2 hours per week. Class is Free - Only 16 spaces available. 18 people went to MGM Casino yesterday - Only 3 from Oxford Park Towers attended so we have a good group of people of the local neighborhoods attending
Upcoming Lunch Outings include Cheesecake Factory (February 27), American Harvest (March 26), Camp Ticonderoga (April 9) and El Nibble Nook (April 30).
Vacation Camp: Running 4 days of camp between this week. Next camp will run 4 days in April for Spring Break and March 10 Election Day
Special Events: All three sessions of Daddy-Daughter sold out. Mother-Son had the lowest numbers in 4 years Rogers Family Skate party got scheduled for that night. Thanks to all the volunteers that make these events a success.
Parties/Rentals: 2 rentals and one birthday party in the past month
Youth Programs: Second sessions of most classes are beginning, 23 participants in this session of Lacrosse
Adult Programs: More new participants in Tai Chi and Yoga classes. Dog Obedience continues to run at or near capacity. Had to add a Winter 1.5 Intro class extra session. The first session of Guitar Lessons is currently running
Budget Highlights:
Currently working on the budget. Request include some new play equipment. Parks and Rec is responsible for 27 different facilities including tennis courts, baseball fields, and parks and buildings.

OXFORD/MERCHANTS PARK PLANNING:
HRC has held meeting with city staff. The plans have been uploaded to the DNR’s website. Will go to bid in March or April depending on when DNR replies. Looking for work to start in May and last about 5 months.

WINTERFEST WRAP-UP:
As always Dan did an amazing job making sure this even was a success. Many residents were pleased with the event.

MISCELLANEOUS:
Comments:
Greg P.: Thanked the staff for all the dedication and hard work, they do a great job with the resources they have. Is looking forward to the events planned.
Gary P.: Thanked the staff for their dedication to the citizens. Would like to see a group start a caregiver support group.
Betty S.: She is enjoying senior activities and enjoyed the Winterfest event.
John N.: Thanked all for the hard work they do and for their efforts that they put in to make parks and recreation successful for Berkley.
Josh P.: Had a great time at the daddy/daughter dance and Winterfest.
Theresa: Thank the board and her staff for their support.
Councilmember Dean: Gave an update on what the city council is working on. She continues working on creating a domestic violence taskforce.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM Motioned by Greg Patterson and seconded by Gary Polk