

**Sandusky Recreation Division
Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2023**

- 1. Call to Order at 4:15pm at the City Commission Chambers at 240 Columbus Avenue.**
 - a. Welcome and Roll Call: Tom Sharrah, Jason Werling, Sherrie Waddington, Chris Mehling, Annette Solet, Barb Rose, Shawn Coakley, Linda Carroll, Dave Waddington, Devon Johnson, Tondra Frisby, Elizabeth Collins-Fiske
 - b. Absent: Larry Wren (excused), Bernie Seiler (excused),
 - c. Guest: Tim Schwanger, Arin Blair
 - d. Approval of February's Minutes. Motioned: Shawn Coakley, Seconded by Elizabeth Collins-Fiske, motion carried.
- 2. Old Business/Updates.**
 - a. Action Sports Park**
 - i. Arin Blair gave a project update. The stimulus funding requires a competitive bidding process. We are about 50% into the design process. There will be more revisions coming. This is all shown on our website. A survey was used to find out what features everyone wanted to see. Phase 1 we do have the money for. Phase 2 would be removing the current road and deciding how to enter from Washington St. There is a very engaged skating community that has given their input. In Feb. we there was a draft concept shown, that was driven by the survey results. We are working together so we don't get in the way of that project. There will be another in person meeting, probably early May.
 - ii. Shawn asked about a target completion date. Arin said originally was 2023, but now it might end up being demoed in the fall and finished in spring 2024. Tim Schwanger asked about parking area and trail for kayaking. Arin: right now you would come in to the park north of the justice center and behind the justice center. It will be fenced off as part of the justice center. Parking to the west will continue to be available.
 - b. Midtown Supper Club**

Tondra reported that we asked Chefs in training from Midtown Supper Club to come back and give us input and feedback. We will continue to do this after each Midtown.
 - c. Cart Path Grant and Clubhouse**

Annette reported that we received the grant for the cart path. As soon as the we get enough stability with the ground we will get it installed. We did have a couple issues with storms. The creek bed has eroded by whole 8. We have been in contact with the engineers and scheduled a meeting with Bre Hohman from Erie County Soil and Water Conservation to help us create a plan for restoration of the creek bed. We have lots of downed trees to remove and will need to rebuild some of the beds.

We also had damage to the clubhouse. The winds took the siding off and exposed an area where we had a lot of rot and a wasp nest. Chris has been working on getting quotes for repair. We are also looking at partnering with CBS sports about doing online tee times. Annette will email out the proposal before next rec board meeting so everyone can review and then we can take it to commission.

3. New Business

i. Amvets and Sprau fields

Chris gave a report on Amvets and Sprau new fields. They are scheduled to be completed by next week, with intent to have it read for Amvets season. The road that went to Peerless will be blocked off to motorists. We will build the new playground structure in front of peerless. The fence line will then be taken out so participants have direct access to the playground. Hoping to have the playground open by the first week of July. Dave asked if the buildings are getting painted. Chris said the building are getting painted and we also plan on refurbishing the scoreboard building this year.

ii. Sandusky Recreation Center

Chris reported that the commissioners have let us enter in to a contract with Brandstetter Carroll to help determine a site location and what the public wants to see from a rec center. We will start doing community stakeholder meetings the first week of May. Chris reported on the Rec Center Surveys. We hope to be breaking ground fall of 2024. A lot of it chosen by the end of July and have renderings. There was discussion about the QR code that is available to take the survey and social media. We encourage everyone to take the survey. Devon asked where we were visiting. Chris said Norwalk, Fremont, Massilon, and Bowling Green.

iii. Easter Egg Hunt 2023

Jason gave a report on the Easter Egg Hunt. Shout out to Sandusky Rotary for their sponsorship of 3,000 eggs, put together by Annette. Sandusky Police and Fire brought the Easter Bunny, and police donated 400 bunnies. Thank you to leading Ladies and Gentlemens club for stuffing eggs.

iv. Fishing Tournaments 2023

Jason reported that we have over a dozen coming in this year compared to 9 last year. We had the Midwest Alliance request for 2024. This does have a host fee of \$5,000 to \$10,000. We are working with Shores and Islands so share this. Jason asked for a motion to proceed. Shawn asked if we could table this until we get more information on costs and also from shores and Islands.

v. Movies by the bay and Party at the Pier

Jason reported that weather permitting we will show Lion King in Lions Park may 6th. The first Movies by the bay will be June 26th. We will be releasing the schedule for Party at the Pier soon as well

vi. Upcoming rec events.

Wightman Wieber Kidsfest is May 20th. April 22nd is city Drop off day. April 15th is first love where you live cleanup day at Tiffin underpass.

vii. Youth Summit 2023

Tondra reported on the Youth Summit 2023 held at mills, We invited over 50 organizations. 22 came. Each organization stood in front of group and explained what they do for the youth of the city. A lot of good information and collaborations were made. Will do another one in the fall.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

a. Tim Schwanger: Asked for shade structure in All Wheels Park. Asked for playground equipment to be more accommodating for children with special needs and of all ages. Tim commented about the boat docks going in 19 days later this year than last year. He asked also about leaving the water on longer and turning it on sooner at the Boat launch. He thanked rec for dragging the Huron Park Field.

b. Jason explained that the installation of the docks is weather permitting and dependent on Sandusky Bay. The water is scheduled with the water dept. and Steve Hammer is kept in communication.

c. Shawn was asked when the schools would physically break ground on the pool. Hoping for this summer

4. Next Meeting Wednesday May 10th at 4:15pm at City Hall, 240 Columbus Ave.

i. Motion to adjourn at 5:05pm by Elizabeth Collins-Fiske and seconded by Shawn Coakley.