

**SANDUSKY RECREATION  
RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 10, 2023**

**1. Call to Order at 4:15pm at the City Commission Chambers at 240 Columbus Ave.**

- a. Welcome and Roll Call: Tom Sharrah, Jason Werling, Sherrie Waddington, Chris Mehling, Annette Solet, Barb Rose, Shawn Coakley, Linda Carroll, Dave Waddington
- b. , Tondra Frisby, Elizabeth Collins-Fiske, Bernie Seiler
- c. Absent: Larry Wren, (excused), Devon Johnson
- d. Guest: Nancy Nozik, from Brandstetter Carroll Inc.
- e. Approval of April's minutes: Motioned: Bernie Seiler, seconded by Elizabeth Collins-Fiske, motion carried

**2. Old Business/Updates**

**a. Recreation/Community Center**

1. Nancy, from Brandstetter Carroll Inc. gave a presentation on how we have been asking for responses from the community. We have over 2400 responses to date. We have been hosting stakeholder meetings for the last 8 weeks with leaders in the community, high school students, senior citizens, children at Mills, foundations, etc. Nancy and Chris have also visited other facilities
2. Rec board then gave some feedback on what they would like to see and asked questions. Dave Waddington asked about the 50 and above community and making sure we had a walking track. Make sure there are opportunities to serve everybody and make sure we have voter support. Shawn Coakley expressed interest in multi-functional spaces that allow for flexible use. Also that we never have enough gym space for indoor training. Bernie Seiler expressed interest in tennis courts that can also be activated as pickle ball courts. Sherrie Waddington expressed interest in more gym space, possibly a batting cage. Tom Sharrah expressed interest in flexibility of time and having access off hours for seniors and adults that work.
3. Jason Werling explained there would be different levels of access. Potential certified personal trainers, community service hours, and AED and CPR certification required.
4. Tondra Frisby expressed interest in Holistic programming for kids and adults. Also that cost, transportation, and location is a challenge for the community. Annette Solet would like a Safety town space. Linda Carroll would like fitness classes with flexible times when people aren't working.
5. Chris Mehling said commission would probably get something the last meeting in June so we can make sure to get it on the ballot for November.

**b. AMVETS/Sprau updates**

1. Chris gave update on Amvets. Today we seeded between peerless and the AMVETS facility. We are continuing to work on infields, fencing, and dugouts.

**c. Mills Creek Golf Course**

2. Annette gave an update on the issues with the creek bed at Mills Creek Golf Course. We will follow up with Erie Soil and Water on what they recommend. There are possible grants available. When we know more we will present to Rec board.

### **3.New Business**

#### **a. pickle ball courts**

1. We received a grant from Erie county Metroparks to repurpose the tennis courts for pickle ball. We are looking to partner with ThorSport. Need to look noise barriers, etc.

#### **b. Summer Break Camp**

2. Tondra gave a report on Summer break camp. We will use Mills Foxborough Park and will run June 12-July 28<sup>th</sup>. Salvation Army will provide daily lunches. July 28<sup>th</sup> will also be Community Collaboration day moving to Mills Rec this year.

#### **c. Summer Rec Events**

1. Juneteenth is Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Vendors, DJ and a keynote Speaker. Touch a Truck is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Safety town is the second week in August. Movies by the bay starts June 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be bringing movies to the parks this year as well. Kids Fest is May 20<sup>th</sup> from 12-4.

### **4. Next meeting is Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:15pm at City Hall. 240 Columbus Ave.**

- a. Motion to adjourn at 5:05 by Shawn Coakley, seconded by Elizabeth Collins-Fiske.

