

**Sandusky Recreation Division
Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2023**

1. Call to Order at 4:15pm at the City of Commission Chambers at 240 Columbus Ave.
 - a. Welcome and Roll Call: Tom Sharrah, Sherrie Waddington, Elizabeth Collins-Fiske, Dave Waddington, Bernie Seiler, Shawn Coakley, Barb Rose, Tondra Frisby, Annette Solet, Chris Mehling, Linda Carroll,
 - b. Absent: Larry Wren, (Excused), Devon Johnson, (Excused).
 - c. Approval of May's minutes: Motion, Elizabeth Collins-Fiske, Seconded by Bernie Seiler

2. Old Business

Summer Break Camp

Tondra gave an update on Summer Break Camp. We have had on average 75 kids attend. Salvation Army is providing free lunch at Mills Rec and Foxborough park. They are also doing lunch at Lions Park.

Amvets and Sprau Park

Chris gave an update on Sprau and Amvets Park. The playground should be installed in October. There have been issues with the supply chain. We will have fencing put around the playground once installed. Score box and concession stand construction will start around Labor Day or when the season ends. In 2024 we will work on drainage, parking and sidewalks if the budget allows. We also added a toy box for kids to have something to play with until we get the playground installed. Bernie asked how many fields were being used. Chris stated we are using 4 total.

Mills Creek Golf Course

Annette gave an update on Mills Creek Golf Course. She shared our ytd revenue comparison and we are up compared to this time last year. We have had a lot of new golfers and several kids. We are hosting golf camp the second week of June. Also working with Perkins township to do a youth tournament on July 25th. Annette met with Erie Soil and Water and ODNR about creating a prairie area between 4, 5, and 6 holes. We want to also add a triangle between 2 and 9. We will have grant money available so it is no cost to us. Bre Hohman from Erie Soil and Water is working on a plan for the creek to take care of the erosion, as well as funding. June 17th and 18th we are hosting our senior and super senior championship., with 15 signed up so far. City championship forms are filled out as well. This year it will be a 2 week tournament. The last Sunday in July is the 4 club challenge. Victory Kitchen is hosting an outing in August. And of course we are hosting Sandusky Schools and St. Marys' golf teams.

Crappie Alliance

Jason is waiting to get with Shores and Islands for the host fee for the Croppie Alliance for Oct. 2024. Will come back to rec board with set amount.

Momma Collins Track Meet

Jason shared that we hosted the first Monday of the Momma Collins Track Meets. It was also shared in the paper. Beth shared, the kids enjoyed it even with the rainy weather.

Gazebo Concert Series

The first concert was moved to Zion Lutheran Church due to rain

Rec Center update

Chris thanked everyone for pushing out the survey. We ended up with close to 3,000 responses. The commission and the consultants are very happy with that. This past Monday's commission voted to move forward with contacting the county to put an operating levy on the November ballot. On June 26th Brandstetter Carroll will have a presentation to commission of potential sites. Commission made if very clean that we need to pass this levy to operate the rec center. Dave shared that he definitely supports the rec center. The levy is the library levy that is expiring and the rec center would take it over. Sherrie asked if there would be more public meetings about the what the facility should have. Chris stated that Nancy from Brandstetter Carroll gave a presentation to the Rec Board at May's meeting and the commission will help decide the location.

3. New Business

Juneteenth Celebration

Jason and Tondra were on the radio June 14th will air on Friday the 16th. There are 3 total celebrations in the city. One at Nehemiah Center on the 17th, at Farwell park on Sunday the 18th and the City celebration at Jackson Street Pier on the 19th. Thank you to Firelands Auto Group, Sandusky Fireworks and For Love with Love Charity for sponsoring the fireworks. We will have vendors, a keynote speaker, and performances. Lange Trust is bringing the band Shining Star to perform.

Touch a Truck

Annette gave an update on Touch a Truck. It will be August 1st at Paper District Marina. We have about \$5,000 in donations from Ohio Edison, and BCSN. We will be purchasing new Chase and Marshall Mascot costumes. We are looking for volunteers.

Safety Town

Annette gave an update on Safety Town. Sandusky Schools will do a bus safety component and transport kids to the high school and then do water safety. We received a grant from the Wightman Wieber foundation of 10,000 for the next 5 years. It will now be called the Wightman Wieber Safety Town. We do have 110 bike helmets. Bernie shared how this is such a positive thing for the community and right in the wheelhouse for Wightman Wieber

Parks and Rec Division

Annette shared that we are now a Parks and Rec Division with: Grounds, Greenhouse, Public Realm, Property Maintenance, and Building Maintenance. We would like to give our guys some kudos for all the hard work they have been putting in. Scott James did an amazing job at AMVETS. Brian Camp and his crew did a lot of hard work at Pipe Creek. The Public Realm guys are working weekends and different hours to cover downtown events, and the Greenhouse staff has been working hard on planting. Jason shared that we went from probably the smallest division in the city to one of the largest.

4. Open Discussion

Dave shared that he attended a pool meeting the schools hosted at Toft's Dairy. He is hoping someone comes up with a formula on what is going on. Shawn will share that with Sandusky Schools Superintendent.

Barb asked about how we are getting information out to the public on rec events. Her gymnastics numbers are way down. Jason shared that everything is pretty much gone digital. Rec needs to do a better job in marketing. Shawn asked if we could do a QR code similar to the rec center survey. Annette said we could go through the school's offices to get information out. Tom suggested WLEC with Troy in the mornings or the Sandusky Register.

- 5. Next Meeting will be Wednesday July 12, at 4:15pm at City Hall, 240 Columbus Ave.**
Motion to adjourn at 5:05pm by Shawn Coakley and seconded by Elizabeth Collins-Fiske.