

**Sandusky Recreation Division
Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
Sept 12, 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, Barb Rose, Annette Solet, Chris Mehling, Linda Carroll, Jason Werling, Larry Wren
 - b. Absent: Devon Johnson, Shawn Coakley, (Excused), Tondra Frisby, (Excused)
 - c. Approval of July's minutes: Motion, Bernie Seiler, Seconded by Larry Wren

1. Old Business

Summer Break Camp

Jason gave an update on our Summer Break camp and Community Collaboration Day. Both were a huge success. We plan on bringing both back for next year

Mills Creek Golf Course

Annette gave an update on Mills Creek Golf Course. We are up on rounds and revenue for the year and that is with missing 9 days in August with the storm.

The storm did cause damage. Pretty much the whole course was under water. We do have a tree on #5 bridge. We are getting estimates on removing this and then will involve engineering on what they recommend doing. The bridge will be out for the remainder of the season.

We are also still waiting for the updated quote from Century Equipment.

We will be hosting the SBC boys bay division tournament.

We have also been collecting road grindings for the cart path.

We have a few more events for the remainder of the season, glow golf, greens keeper's revenge, and then the backwards scramble.

We are working with Erie Soil and Water to assist us on securing funding on dealing with the erosion of the creek bed. Stay tuned for more information on this in the future.

Touch a Truck

Annette gave an update on Touch a Truck. Donations were \$6,370 which covers all our expenses. With us expanding to water street it is a great footprint. The weather was great, and the crowd was great too. We had 5 city agencies participate. Thank you to the gentlemen's club for volunteering. Next year it will be on August 6th.

Safety Town

Annette gave an update on Safety Town. Thank you to Wightman Wieber Charitable Foundation for their \$10,000 donation. We couldn't put this on without their help. We had 50 graduates. Thank you to Ironman for their donation of

the bags for all the kids. This year we added water safety and took the kids to the Shelby Street Boat Launch. Thank you to Sandusky Fire and Police for all their help.

Rec Center

Chris gave an update on the Rec Center. The Geo Tech testing on the soil started this week. We will announce soon the public engagement dates for residents to come participate and give feedback. Issue #14 is the operating levy on the ballot in November. We need this levy to provide operating funds for the rec center. We continue to work with Sandusky City Schools on their aquatic center and community access. Dave Waddington said he has talked to about 15 people while going door to door today and it sounds like issue #14 will pass. He also spoke to Eric Wobser about trying to do more collaborating with the schools on giving community access, and not just to the pool. This would be helpful until the Rec Center opens. Chris will be emailing a flyer with FAQ's that Rec Board members can use when discussing the Rec Center.

Ironman

Jason gave an update on Ironman. We had about 1500 athletes participate. The event was again a huge success. Next year is the last year of the contract with them. But we would like to continue the event. We will be working on extending this in the next few months. Next years date is July 21st.

2. New Business

Dragons and Bacon Fest

Jason gave an update on Dragons and Bacon Fest. It is Sept. 16th, with 10 teams signed up. Event starts at 8am. We are looking for volunteers to help out or even be in a boat.

Park Updates

Annette gave an update on parks. We will be aerating the golf course, Jackson Street Pier, Washington Park, and the ball fields in early October. We are also moving ahead with over seeding the Great Lawn on Jackson Street Pier and the golf course. We are planning on doing a field grooming class with anyone who has a priority use agreement. Shawn Coakley will assist with that.

We are in the process of getting our Christmas decorations together. The ice rink will be installed the last week of October.

We will be meeting with all priority use agreements. We are in the 1 plus 1 in all our priority use agreements. We want to be clear with them on what is the city's responsibility and what is their responsibility. Sherrie Waddington asked about taking the banners down. Annette was in contact with LaMarcus on what needs to be done and that is on the list.

Fall Drop off Day

Fall Drop off day is Sept. 23rd. 8am-11am at the Shelby Street Boat Launch

Fall Programming

Jason gave an update on our Fall Out of School Program. It starts Monday Sept. 18th and runs through the middle of December. We are looking forward to having kids back in the building. We are working with Sandusky City Schools on providing meals for our program.

We are also looking at adding an adult fitness program and Open Way Yoga will be doing some yoga. We have also talked with someone who does a toddler music program and look forward to adding that at Mills as well. These will start in October.

The Croppie Tournament for Oct. 24-26th 2024 will have about 150 boats with 300 plus anglers. They predict over a \$210,000 economic update. They are hoping to host an expo at Cedar Point Sports Center. They are waiting on us to approve host fee of \$10,000, which we would split with Shores and Islands. \$5,000 coming from the city and \$5,000 coming for Shores and Islands. **Motion to approve:** Bernie Seiler and seconded by Elizabeth Collins-Fiske

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Sherrie commented that if anyone is planning on anything for the teens for water related items in the summer. A lot of teens and adults don't have access to Cedar Point beach in the summer.

Next Meeting Wednesday October 11th at 4:15pm at City Hall, 240 Columbus Ave.

- i. Motion to adjourn at 4:40pm by Bernie Seiler and seconded by Elizabeth Collins-Fiske.