

**Sandusky Recreation Division
Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 11, 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, Bernie Seiler, Barb Rose, Shawn Coakley, Larry Wren, Annette Solet, Jason Werling,
 - b. Absent: Devon Johnson, Tondra Frisby, (Excused), Dave Waddington (Excused), Chris Mehling (Excused), Linda Carroll (Excused)
 - c. Approval of September's minutes: Motion, Bernie Seiler, Seconded by Elizabeth Collins-Fiske

1. Old Business

Mills Creek Golf Course

Annette gave an update on Mills Creek Golf Course. We are still up on 2022 numbers. We do have 2 outings coming up in October. Our official close date is Nov. 15th and the first week of November will have our pass sale for 2024 passes. We aerated, sanded, and seeded the greens last week.

We met last week with Bre Hohman from Erie Soil and Water to look at the creek restoration. Erie Soil and Water is applying for the H2O grant to restore the creek. They will also be looking at the island on number 8, could possibly create more of a pond.

We just received our last quote for the tree removal for the tree under the bridge on number 5. They will also be removing some other trees. We will be awarding that soon.

We will be having an advisory meeting to discuss possibly moving the bridge all together. This will happen after the tree is removed and we can assess the damage better.

We are on target to install the cart path.

Rec Center Update

Jason gave an update on the public meetings we have been having for our rec center. We held one public meeting at the Mylander Pavilion on Oct. 10th. It wasn't very well attended. We also had an information meeting with serving our seniors on Oct. 10th. The dialogue was good. Next Tuesday Oct. 17th at 6:30pm we will have another public informational meeting at Mills Rec.

2. New Business

Downtown Trick or Treat

Jason gave an update on Downtown Trick or Treat. It will be Saturday Oct. 28th from 11-1pm with the pumpkin drop at noon. The goodtime will host a free cruise at 1pm. Little Witches Walk has cancelled the Little Witches Walk due to bad weather forecasted for Saturday Oct. 14th. Therefore, we have re-scheduled the Hocus Pocus showing to Oct. 28th at 3pm. Emails have been sent out to the merchants. Businesses that

aren't on Columbus Ave. are invited to set up tables closer to the event. Sherrie asked about the other downtown trick or treat events. There is a calendar from Destination Sandusky. Destination Sandusky is publishing all the downtown activities and did all the lighting in Schade Mylander Plaza and on the State Theater.

Park Updates

Jason and Annette gave an update on the parks. We also used the aerator on all the ball fields when we had it. We would like to set up a schedule for the future.

Annette reported on the "field trip" the grounds department took. They went to a training at Akron Stadium. This was a free workshop. We came away with some great knowledge and training. We would like to hold a field grooming class with all of our priority use agreement holders. This will help them with field grooming during their seasons.

Our Kubota tractor has finally arrived, after a year. It has a brush attachment and 2 snowplow attachments. We did follow up on our Toro tractor that has been on order for 2 years. The price keeps going up and we keep going back to commission on amendments, but Toro still has no update on when it will go into production. We may have to move on and look at other options.

After Sandusky Witches Walk we will install the Civista Bank Ice Rink on The Jackson Street Pier.

Fall Programming

Jason filled in for Tondra. The meeting for the Churchwell Park Plan is tonight at 5:30 at Mills Rec.

We also have around 50 kids in the building each day for Out of School at Mills. We have Commit to Fit starting Thursday Oct 12th with Bridgett Swain. Each Tuesday evening we have TapFit with Tondra. Open Way Yoga is partnering with us for teacher training. They also have a space upstairs at Mills. This is for teacher training and for Yoga classes for residents.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Jason sent an email inviting everyone to the volunteer and commissions cruise on Thursday October 26th. The email has a signup link.

Next Meeting Wednesday November 8 at 4:15pm at City Hall, 240 Columbus Ave.

- i. Motion to adjourn at 4:22pm by Bernie Seiler and seconded by Larry Wren