

**Sandusky Recreation Division
Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 4, 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, Dave Waddington, Jason Werling, Tondra Frisby, Linda Carroll, Chris Mehling,
 - b. Absent: Devon Johnson, Larry Wren, Annette Solet (Excused), Shawn Coakley (Excused)
 - c. Approval of October's minutes: Motion, Bernie Seiler, Seconded by Elizabeth Collins-Fiske

Guest: Stewart Hastings and Sarah Chiappone from City of Sandusky Law Department. Jason introduced our new law director.

1. Old Business

Mills Creek Golf Course

Jason gave an update on the tree removal near 5 and 6. Hinman will be coming back to finish the other trees needing removed. The course is scheduled to close on November 15th. Season passes are on sale for 2024.

Rec Center Update

Chris gave an update on the Rec Center levy. The levy did pass. So we will be moving forward. Issue 14 passed by 35 votes. There are still provisional votes to be counted.

We have 3 new commissioners and one incumbent also elected. Congratulations to Jeff Krabill, Richard Koonce, Kate Vargo, and incumbent Dave Waddington.

Fall out of School

Tondra gave an update on Fall out of school at Mills. We are averaging around 50 kids daily. We have the leading ladies that are helping along with one of our volunteers for homework help during the first hour. We had the introduction of Snap-Ed from the Ohio State Extension program yesterday for the first time. Rebecca Lawson was there with Snap-Ed. The kids loved her.

Midtown Supper Club

Tondra gave an update on Midtown Supper Club. The theme is Starry Night to coincide with Eclipse event of next year. We have Byron McMorris, new chef from Bay Bell Restaurant, this year, along with Benny Vito from Zuppaman. The program starts January 8th. The finale will be Feb. 19th. Stay tuned for Menu.

Winter Break Camp

Winter Break Camp will be December 27, 28th and January 3rd and 4th.

TapFit

Tondra gave an update on TapFit. It is on it's 4th week. We have 13 TapFitters ranging from ages 4-82. You can do it standing, with a cane, or sitting.

Fitness with Bridgette

Tondra gave an update on Commit to Fit with Bridget. This is taking place on Thursdays

Open Way Yoga

Tondra gave an update on Open Way Yoga. They have several days they are offering classes at Mills. Their room upstairs is great, and we invite everyone to come check it out.

2. New Business

Civista Bank Ice Rink

Jason Gave an update on the Civista Bank Ice Rink. It is constructed on The Jackson Street Pier. We are doing a soft opening for the weekend. Then our hours will be Thursdays and Fridays from 5-9pm, Saturdays from 2-9pm, and Sundays from 2-7pm. The one big change this year is we have the trailer set up right next to the ice rink and are renting skates out of it. It is a heated trailer so we can have it right by the rink instead of people having to go over to the Goodtime office. Tondra asked about skate fees. It is free if you have your own skates, and \$5 if you need to rent skates. We do accept cash or credit card and there is a processing fee with credit card transactions.

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Jason gave an update on the Holiday Lighting Ceremony. The tree has been installed at Schade Mylander Plaza. Our crews have been working on getting the cookie house in and working on all the decorations. The Holiday Lighting Ceremony will be on Friday November 24th at 6pm with Santa's arrival at 6:30pm. Barb asked if we worked out the details of Santa's arrival. Jason assured everyone we have it all worked out.

Race B4 the Game

Jason gave an update on the Race B4 the Game. This will take place on Saturday November 25th at 9am, starting at Cameo Pizza. Jason will be on the radio promoting it. We can always use volunteers if anyone would like to help.

Winter Wonderland

Jason reported that Winter Wonderland will be December 8th from 5-10pm, December and 9th from 12-6. We have Reindeer Friday night and Santa Saturday.

Park Updates

Jason gave an update on what our parks and facilities staff have been working on. Scott James and Scott Romick have been busy with the Police moving into the new finished side of the Justice Center. Court has moved out to the Service Center. Grounds and Greenhouse have been working in Washington Park and installing the Tree. Thank you to Eric Hofstatter for donating the tree and to Barnes Nursery for helping with the installation.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Jason stated that Sherrie has tickets for the 50/50 for Wightman Wieber. They can be purchased at the Port Sandusky Restaurant. The Wightman Wieber dinner dance will be January 20th. Wightman Wieber puts on KidsFest and we appreciate all they do for the kids of Sandusky.

Sherrie asked if the new Rec Center would have room for Barb and her gymnastics program. Chris stated we are very early, and it is yet to be determined. We will announce the next steps soon. Sherrie stated, as always, there is a shortage of gym space. Our rec department and high school don't do intramurals anymore. Jason, we are looking forward to hosting those programs. Sherrie brought up about also always wanting an outdoor pool for the summer that would be open to the public for the teens. Chris stated there will be a water feature.

Next Meeting Wednesday December 13th at 4:15pm at City Hall, 240 Columbus Ave.

- i. Motion to adjourn at 4:18pm by Bernie Seiler and seconded by Elizabeth Collins-Fiske