

**Sandusky Recreation Division
Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2023**

1. **Call to Order at 4:00 pm at the City Commission Chambers at 240 Columbus Avenue.**
 - a. Welcome and Roll Call: Tom Sharrah, Jason Werling, Beth Collins-Fiske, Sherrie Waddington, Chris Mehling, Annette Solet, Barb Rose, Bernie Seiler, Linda Carroll, Dave Waddington
 - b. Absent: Larry Wren (excused), Devon Johnson, Shawn Coakley (excused), Tondra Frisby (excused)
 - c. Guest:
 - d. Approval of December's Minutes. Motioned: Bernie Seiler, Seconded by Beth Collins-Fiske, motion carried.
2. **Old Business/Updates.**
 - a. **Winter Break Camp:** Linda and Chris presented information about the Winter Break Camp. Had several activities for the kids that were a huge success. We had Erie County Metroparks with a fishing and archery activity, Sandusky Sailing club, Sean Carroll was there doing art, just to name a few. The kids got to play dodgeball with the police and fire departments. The police did a K-9 demonstration. We had Dragon King with his reptile presentation. The staff did a great job stepping up to provide a fun 2 weeks for the kids. We had a New Years Eve Eve with a DJ and a balloon drop. We had lunch donated everyday. We would like to thank Bay Bell, Berardis, Sandusky Munchies, Cindy Franketti, Pizza House East, Lees Famous Recipe for their generous donations. We had a lot of positive feedback from the parents and the community. We had over 100 kids signed up and had about 75 kids in the building each day.
 - i. Midtown Supper club is in full swing. We have 30 chefs in training this year with a Monday and Tuesday class. This year is Mardi Gras themed. Each child attending Out of School Program will have a part in
 - ii. Annette reported final revenue for Mills Golf Course. Final numbers are \$259,917.80, \$10700 more than last year. 16,659 rounds of golf, up by over 500 rounds. 5,600 rounds of pass play. 530 free junior rounds. We attribute the increase to having St. Mary's boys golf team coming over and seeing more of the younger golf group using the course.
 - iii. Civista Community skate night was January 5th. Civista provided free hot chocolate and gave away free scarves. Even with the wet weather that night we had 77 skaters. We have seen when we have events we are attracting a lot of skaters. The weekend of Winter Wonderland we had 420 skaters. Milan Township reached out with questions about our rink and they are very excited about what we are doing. Our staff is keeping up on maintenance and using the enhancer on the rink. The skates are better. They don't require as much sharpening. We received our skate racks. The trailer is scheduled to be finished by mid February. We will decide if we want to work out of the trailer instead of the skate shack. We have lost 2 staff members and are looking for more. We are looking at extending our season. Next year we would like to open earlier and possibly showing movies at the rink. Bernie commented that its great we have artificial ice and the improvements keep getting better.
3. **New Business**
 - a. **Paper District Marina**

- a. Jason reported on the numbers for the Paper District Marina. \$61,950 for 2022 up from \$46,640 from 2021. We hope to bring back Dragons & Bacon fest this year depending on a sponsorship
- b. Mylander Pavilion**
 - a. Linda gave a report on the Mylander Pavilion rentals for 2022. This year it brought in \$48,800 up \$8,850 from last year. 81 private rentals and well over a dozen events. This year weekends are already booked. Sherrie Waddington asked about pricing and what type of rentals we are getting and costs. We are now booking for 2024.
- c. 2023 Events**
 - a. Jason spoke about our 2023 events. Working with Steve from advantage Entertainment for Party of the Pier series. All concerts will start at 7:30 to run at the same time as Lange Trust events. We will have bike week, Pride, and Ironman back this year. Sherrie asked about the Dora cups and will that be the same as last year. Jason believes it will be the same as last year.
 - b. Annette shared we have all our signatures internally for our ODNR grant for the cart path. We met today with Damion Cosby who is the golf executive for the Cleveland Metroparks. Some members from our advisory committee attended as well as some city staff. He had great things to say about our course. Gave some good advice.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. City Commission approved Bernie Seiler and Sherrie Waddington for their appointment for Rec Board through 2025

- 4. **Next Meeting Wednesday February 8th at 4:00pm at City Hall, 240 Columbus Ave.**
 - i. Motion to adjourn at 4:34pm by Beth Collins-Fiske and seconded by Bernie Seiler.