

**Sandusky Recreation Division
Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 13, 2024**

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 Jeter, Barb Rose, Larry Wren, Kay Kay Pou, Bernie Seiler, Richard Koonce, Tondra Frisby, Jason Werling, Linda Carroll, Annette Solet
 - b. Absent: Shawn Coakley, excused, Chris Mehling, excused
 - c. Approval of January minutes: Motion, Kay Kay Pou, seconded by Larry Wren

Guests: Burt Ferris, Trevor Ramsel, Cory Boesch, Kayleon Miller, Addelyne Sartor

OLD BUSINESS

MIDTOWN SUPPER CLUB

Tondra gave an update on the sales of tables and tickets for Midtown Supper Club. Doors open at 5:30pm on March 25th. Check Sandusky Rec facebook page for more information.

OUT OF SCHOOL AT MILLS

Tondra gave an update on Out of School at Mills. We have maxed at 100 kids for registration. Registration is opened up on the 20th of each month. The program is going great. Dinners are coming from Sandusky City Schools. Whenever there is no school our local restaurants are stepping up to feed our kids.

SPRING BREAK CAMP

Spring Break Camp registration is live, and starts April 1st-4th. Our theme this year is Total Eclipse. We still need volunteers.

MILLS CREEK GOLF COURSE

Annette gave an update on Mills Creek Golf Course. It is scheduled to open on April 1st. All of our seasonal employees are starting on Monday the 18th, and inside staff on the 25th. The tournament schedules have been set for the season. All members will get an email on the tournament information and when to pick up their pass.

The Erie Soil and Water project is moving forward. The MOU is done and the contract with ODNR has been secured. It goes to their board meeting tonight. Once they sign off with that the RFP should go out the end of April and will come back in May. We will then form a committee with our advisory board with some staff sprinkled in and we will meet with the awarded party.

The bridge on #5 will probably not be repaired at this point. We are waiting until we get the company in place with Erie Soil and Water to get their recommendation. Engineering is taking the lead on the bridge. We will probably end up doing a pre-fab bridge.

NEW BUSINESS

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF SANDUSKY FESTIVAL

Jason reported on what we have been working on for the Eclipse festival. We are 26 days away from the eclipse. The Wednesday before the eclipse we will have the senior astronomer Nick Anderson, a former Sandusky grad, from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History here at Cedar Point Sports Center to give a free presentation. He will be at Mills in the morning and then at Sports Center at 6pm. Thursday April 4th the Sandusky Bay Jeepers are doing a JEEPClipse on the pier. Friday we are showing Little Shop of Horrors and Friends of the Greenhouse will do a plant sale in the pavilion. Saturday we are showing Twilight Eclipse. We also have a 3 day music festival. The headliner Saturday is the Kinsman Dazz Band, Saturday is the Killer Flamingos, and Sunday The Menu. Sunday we also have Steve Brownell. We do plan on adjusting things for the weather. We will also stream the NASA live feed on the Firelands LED screen on Monday. We also have as part of the week The Greetings mural being put on the side of the Mylander Pavilion. We are trying to get it installed before the Eclipse. Tondra asked about the construction. It is like an aluminum canvas so it can't be cut. A local company is putting together the frame. It will be painted at Mills and then installed on the pavilion.

EVENTS

Jason reported Dragons and Bacon Fest will be back this year. It will be September 14th.

The Easter Egg hunt is March 30th at 10am in Washington Park. The fire department and police department will be helping out. Sandusky Donut House food truck is scheduled as well.

PARKS AND FACILITIES

Annette gave an update on our parks and facilities. All three divisions came together and mulched downtown so they could get it done. We have started our field groomings. We still are in conversations about the tournaments out at Dorn fields. Jason reported that we are wrapping up greenhouse yoga. Abbie Wade is back as an intern at the greenhouse, and then will be back as a seasonal employee for the summer.

The new mower, 5910, will be here in May. It will be used 3 days in the parks and 2 days at the golf course.

Richard Koonce asked about First Energy regarding Pace Park. Jason has will send an email to see if there are any updates. Richard was wondering who the contact person is for behind Farwell park. Jason said Colleen is having a meeting Carrie from Cedar Point and will be bringing it up to her.

Due to Rec Board member scheduling conflicts the next meeting will be postponed to April 17th.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Burt Ferris from Travelers Baseball Academy was here with some Captains from the teams and gave a presentation. This year they started a girls program. Travelers has 6 teams, and they use the field at Jaycee Park. It has been very helpful. Burt appreciates the Rec Center going over at American Crayon site. They have used the Jaycee Park field for 12 years. Travelers would like to present a check back to Sandusky Rec. out of appreciation. Burt then introduced some Captains from the program. The kids that are in the academy are from age 9 and up to high school. Without the field it wouldn't be as easy as it is for them. Travelers

presented Sandusky Rec with a \$500 check. Jason added that Travelers Baseball has had a priority use agreement with us for 10 years. Burt does a great job with his crew maintaining the field.

Next Meeting Thursday April 17th at 4:15pm at City Hall, 240 Columbus Ave.

Motion to adjourn at 4:42 pm by Elisabeth Jeter and seconded by kay Kay Pou.