

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes of Meeting – October 11, 2012 Noon

BOARD MEMBERS: Bill Dickey (present)
John Lair (present)
Todd Loveland (present)
Jerry Waltrip (present)
Christy Watt (not present)

STAFF PRESENT: Kim Vogel, Director of Parks and Recreation
Sara Mitchell, Superintendent
Alison Dudley, Operations Manager

Pittsburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at noon in Lincoln Center. Bill Dickey called the meeting to order with four members and all PPRD staff present. The minutes from September 20, 2012 meeting were given to the board members for review. They were approved by all members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Everybody Plays Project: Kim and Sara reviewed the latest updates for the progress being made on the Everybody Plays Project. Project is moving strong, Kim accepted the big check for the Pritchett Trust Grant that was so kindly granted to the Everybody Plays committee. The layout and area for the playground has been set. Ground breaking for the new playground was held at Schlanger Park during the Little Balkans Days 5K race. The local TV station came and interviewed members of the Everybody Plays Committee along with catching the history of the ground breaking for the Playground area on camera. The committee is still applying for grants with one grant offering to match whatever monies are raised. The committee is hoping to have playground equipment purchased by the end of year. Original donors of the project expressed gratitude and are pleased with the progress.

Schlanger Park Disc Golf Course: Tee pads have been poured and completed, the course is now complete. Waiting on signs for the course; great success so far on getting people to the park and utilizing the disc golf course.

Field Usage: Stice field has been made unavailable for use in order to build it up and be prepared for upcoming seasons. Todd Biggs Babe Ruth League wanting to use the fields in the summer is not feasible due to local schools and the current leagues that we host for games and practices. The PPRD will work with him for fall leagues and using the facilities; due to Mr. Biggs poor communication and unprofessionalism towards the PPRD, Director Kim Vogel sent him a letter regarding field availability. Park Board members in attendance agree that Mr. Biggs went about the Babe Ruth League incorrectly and approves of the letter being sent by Kim. PSU Baseball Coach Matt Murray has gotten the PPRD involved with two showcase tournaments; outside organizations wanting to use Jaycee's Ball Diamond will allowed to do so for a fee of

\$150.00 per game. Park Board members in attendance agree that Coach Murray is a good asset to have.

Aquatic Center: Sara reviewed about Commercial Aquatics completing a full facility audit. The 16th year of operation had no repairs to be made. A leak from the city water line was discovered and repaired. Pool Decking was revived recently. The pool itself needs to be sandblasted and painted; a quote of \$150,000 for total cost was given. Requests for grant monies from the Bicknell Board in Kansas City has been made for the funding of the repairs; still waiting to hear back from board, if request is denied we need to begin prioritizing what repairs need to be done. Currently paint off the pool has been chipping off and the chips flow into pumps creating problems. The slides are nearing their end, the fiber glass is rubbing through; resurfacing needs to be done, slides are fragile; quote of \$21,000-\$50,00 for resurfacing of slides was given.

RV Park Update: Kim reviewed the plans of the shelter house and restroom at the RV Park. Two groups of students from PSU have been assigned to build the restroom, shower facility and the shelter house. There were small changes made due to the ground layout. There will be a wall with advertising/signage and landscaping in front to be viewable from the bypass.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Operations Manager: Kim introduced Alison Dudley and briefly explained Ali's responsibilities and position.

Current Funding: Kim reviewed that we have been awarded \$50,000 in grants; and \$70-80,000 in partnership. We have developed a better system to keep track of monies donated. Kiwanis Park updates with new items, thank you cards to be sent and number's submitted. Sara explained about recent volunteers for some of our events: Little Balkans Days events, Everybody Plays 10K/5K, score keeping for softball, and other activities.

Budget Review: Expected revenue \$75,000, actual revenue \$87,000. Funding for various projects might come from the Four Oaks liquor tax revenue; Everybody Plays and Aquatic Center repairs. The revenue monies brought in were used to purchase new equipment: pitching mounds and pitching machine so we can host tournaments in hopes to increase revenue.

Revenue from Tournaments:

- Charging for usage of new equipment. (Teams wanting to use equipment for practice, games or tournaments not hosted by PPRD).
- Concessions.
- Gate admission for tournaments, and Jaycee's.
 - \$800-\$1,000 per weekend from admission.

Four Oaks: With the liquor tax increase, revenue increased. The Liquor tax revenue is \$79,000-80,000. Four Oaks Superintendent, Manager and PPRD staff hosted the Four Oaks member's appreciation breakfast, December 10th.

Yamaha: The old driving range pickup is gone; a new utility cart is being leased from Yamaha and the picker attachment was purchased.

New Budget: The Parks & Recreation budget is now split into two separate budgets. Funds transferred, and we are doing well. Parks & Recreation Department Christmas Luncheon hosted December 19th.

Aquatics Center: Did not spend expected monies given; over projections will be used for repairs with City Manager approval.

Programs: Sara presented new programming ideas: kid's warrior dash. Still brainstorming for events and activities. New Tai Chi morning and evening classes have been very successful and continue to grow. Sand volleyball league in process of being set up.

Pittsburg Beautiful: Campaign advertisements with information on how to get involved are still posted. Marketing for no littering continues, billboards are up. October 27th the organization hosted "Make a difference day"; other organizations participated in the cleanup day, Knights of Columbus served food and drink for participants. Working on getting all USD 250 students and surrounding schools to wear their school colors and go to designated areas to pick up trash; great opportunity for photo's to get visual aids for advertising. The overall goal of the school student's cleanup project is to get the area youth to take charge of their community and keeping it clean.

Trail Systems: (walking paths). Multiple organizations presented ideas for trails for walking/biking, in an effort we are supporting along with getting more lighting for these areas and traffic ways.

Board Appoints: Bill Dickey proposes his resignation from the board in order for a new member to come in; Jerry and other board members in attendance disagree and Dickey stays.

Comments/concerns: Kim asked John how we could go about getting the New Hope or Mosaic population more involved by offering various activities.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm by Bill. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10th, 2013 at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alison Dudley