

Mayfield Village Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Civic Center

MINUTES

Attending: Pat Andrzejczyk, Stivo DiFranco, Peggy Kerver, Mary Murphy, Tom Marrie, Dave Perout, Lori Sperling, Meg Stifler, Kate Sullivan, Sean Supler, Bill Thomas and Danielle Echt.

Introduction: Kate called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. She asked for approval of the April 18, 2012 Minutes. Mary approved and Dave seconded. All in attendance approved.

Debbie Hudacko Run

- Bill said that he received feedback that the distance for the run should be shorter. He said runners told him it was too hot in July for longer runs.
- Meg said that she talked to some participants when they came to use the pool that day. She said someone suggested a 5K (instead of a 5 mile run) to make it equal to other runs throughout the year; so runners can compare their times. The committee members agreed that this would be a good idea. The committee members agreed that most runners want to compare their times to similar distance when they participate in other races.
- Bill said he would like to do a 2 mile run plus a 5K and he would still offer the 2 mile walk. Meg suggested doing away with the 2 mile run. Bill said there were a pretty good amount of 2 mile runners this year. Meg suggested that if someone could do a 2 mile run, they could most likely train to do a 5K run because it isn't that much farther.
- Meg suggested offering the race sooner. Bill said the 2 mile run starts at 8:00 a.m. and the 5 mile at 8:30 a.m. Kate suggested switching it so the 5K starts first.
- Tom Marrie suggested a 5k and 10k. Bill said that the route was already measured for the 5 miles as the furthest distance. Bill said he wanted to make the run shorter, not longer. He wanted to offer a 4 mile run. Danielle suggested doing the 2 mile run like Bill wants and the 5K for 2013. Then get feedback after that to see if there is interest in a 10K for the following years.
- Bill said the plan in 2013 is to still give out a total of \$1,500 in scholarship money for 2013. \$500 goes to a St. Francis Student and \$1,000 to Mayfield High School graduating senior(s).

Wiley Park Playground

- Bill thanked the committee for their input about the new playground. He recognized Meg and Stivo who were the key committee members who helped pick out the playground items.
- Meg said for the amount of money they had to work with, it is great.
- Bill said it is not the main playground, Parkview is. He said it is good for people using the Wiley pavilion.
- Stivo said there will be a sidewalk added and Tom said there will also be landscaping.
- Meg asked if firewood is available for pavilion rentals. Danielle said the Service Department is supposed to leave some there all the time when it's cold and it's usually by request during the summer.

Parkview Pool Review

- Bill reported that numbers were a bit down this year. Meg said that the stats may be inaccurate because in June the computer systems/printer were not working properly. Passes couldn't be scanned. Dave said the stats are his best estimate. Tom said that Council received the stats throughout the summer and they are fine with them.

- Dave said that it was a hot summer and people probably got burned out quickly. He also said that years ago, the community pool was a destination. He said now people have air conditioning and Netflix so they probably just stay home more.
- Dave said that in 2013, they are going to try two family evening swims. One would be right after the swim meet and the other to be determined. Next summer aquacize will be out of the pool by the time open swim starts at noon. Dave said that the Village has teamed up with Laura Locker, the head fitness trainer, from Progressive. Laura offered some different fitness classes in Parkview Pool this summer and she worked around the existing class schedule. It worked out well and she had about 15 Progressive employees participating. Next year Dave will work with Laura to plan the classes in advance and they will be open to everyone. Dave said that the pool staff is also planning an extended version of the Level 6 class. It will focus more on fitness and fun. Laura has offered to help with that class also.
- Dave said in terms of the facility, the tile at the front entrance and locker rooms was added and the ADA lift is ready for installation next summer as the holes were just drilled in the deck at the end of the season this year. Dave said the pool also needs to be painted. Bill said that first they need to find the leak. Stivo asked if that is where the water in the tunnel is from. Dave, Tom and Bill said possibly. Tom said they are still trying to find the leak. Dave said that they have tried three different times this year and have had no luck, we just know the water level is going down. Dave said that Jim from the service department found a way to recycle the water that was in the footer drain by using a sum pump.
- Bill reported that they have 10 new high lounge chairs for next year.
- Peggy said that things at the pool went smoother this year. Bill said he thought the rules were enforced, overall it went well and that the non-resident use was not overwhelming. He asked Peggy if the family swim night went well. Peggy said yes it was better but there was also another teen event going on that night elsewhere.
- Meg asked how everything went at the concession stand. Bill said that there were new items such as smoothies, uncrustables and carrots with ranch dressing. He said April made some very nice signs for the items. He said he thought they went over well and overall everything was fine with the concession stand. He said that they probably lost a little money but pool concession stands generally don't make a lot of money.
- Mary distributed an article from the newspaper over the summer which included an article about Highland Heights pool (see attached).

Fall Programs

- Sean said that adult softball is going well. He said the summer season only had three rainouts. Sean reported that he is full in all three adult leagues this Fall. He even took more teams than he wanted to. The biggest issue he has faced this year was illegal bats. Mayfield Village purchased a bat tester to see which bats are illegal. He explained that generally over time, the inside of a bat breaks down and then it becomes hot, meaning the ball comes off the bat very fast and can create a dangerous situation. The machine tests the compression of the bat. Sean said if the bat is tested and it's legal, he has a unique decal that he applies. If it is illegal before game play, he will ask the player/team not to use the bat. If someone does use an illegal bat, it's a two game suspension and further testing. If the bat has been altered, such as shaved, then there is a lifetime ban from the league. Sean said that teams have given him good feedback about the testing. The committee members didn't know that illegal bats in the Mayfield Village leagues were such an issue. Sean said the only way around it now is to test bats or have the Village provide the bats. He said that Willoughby provided bats for their leagues and a lot of teams dropped out because they like using their own. Sean also added that Cleveland Heights had an issue in their spring/summer championship game where an illegal bat was suspected. The league commissioner brought it to Sean and it tested illegal. Cleveland Heights made the team forfeit the game. Sean reported that the testing machine cost approximately \$750.

- Bill said that he is starting up the Teen Advisory Board again this school year and he hopes they suggest some programs that will be successful. To date they have offered an after school bowling program with 10 participants.

Youth Halloween Party (Saturday, October 20, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Community Room)

- Volunteers are asked to arrive around 12:30 p.m. Volunteers thus far include: Peggy, Luke and Julianne, Lori, Pat, Meg, Tom and possibly Paula.
- Key Club members will be running the games and the Haunted House. Danielle touched base with the games coordinators from last year as they are still part of Key Club this year. They are interested in coordinating the games again among the club so Danielle will work with them. Bill has touched base with Paul Lynch who sets up the haunted house and there will be Key Club members to help with that as well.
- Danielle said the room is available the Friday before for decorating. Meg will coordinate the decorating. If help is needed from the Recreation Board members an email will be sent out prior to the party. Danielle will ask Patsy if her son still has decorations we can use.

Senior Program Update

- There will be lunch and movie at the Civic Center on October 17.
- Fall Game Day is scheduled. A foot clinic, aquacize and watercolor will also be offered this fall.
- Leaf raking and snow plowing are services offered. The deadline for the snow plow opting in is October 3.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Restroom Facilities

- Bill said that Diane Wolgamuth and Ron DiNardo will attend the next meeting to discuss bathrooms at Parkview softball and soccer fields.
- Tom said the idea of moving the trailer down to the soccer fields was too expensive to move. The Village put the trailer out to bid and nobody wanted it, we had to pay someone to take it. The next step is to look at permanent structures at the facilities.
- Stivo said that Ron took pictures at Quail Hollow because they have some nice facilities. He said that they will bring pictures to the meeting. Stivo also said that Geauga County has composting restroom facilities at their parks and we might want to consider that. Tom said the EPA wants everything to be sanitary sewers. Stivo said the Geauga County facilities are not discharge and not the type that the EPA wants to do away with. He said Orchard Hills Park has a nice restroom facility. He said they are pumped out and contained. Bill said there is already sewer hook-up at the softball facilities. Tom said that one restroom facility might serve both locations.

The Grove

- Meg said she noticed the new sign at the amphitheater, The Grove. Bill said it looks good. The dirt was dumped for free and the Village paid to have someone contour it. The service department planted the grass. Tom said it's been cut already. He said the Village paid for topsoil but the 10,000 yards of fill dirt was free and so was the machinery and labor. Bill said it was \$30,000 to shape it.

Wildcat Recreation Center

- Bill said that the schools remodeled the field house and pool, the track was leveled. He said hopefully the pool will open October 1 but the schools will make that call. Bill said that Mayfield Village, Mayfield Heights and Highland Heights are working together to manage the field house and pool. All recreation programs will be moved there instead of the elementary schools and middle school. He said it will be an interesting ride the next few years.
- Bill passed around a flyer that was sent to the schools about the facility and membership rates. Dave questioned a statement on the flyer where it mentions previous pricing in the recreation brochure was incorrect. Bill said the pricing in the fall brochure should not have been published and that it was his error. The statement on the flyer was to notify people that incorrect information was circulating prior to the current flyer. Bill said the membership fees are only good through December and we do not know the pricing yet for 2013. Bill added that we are maintaining what the schools charged in the past.
- Meg said it is \$8.00 for a membership which includes an i.d. card but drop in is \$5. She said in the past nobody ever checked anything or got i.d. cards, they just walked right in to the facility. Bill said the schools are excited we are taking over in a professional away. He said this is a good relationship for the schools and the community. We will run the operation.

Soccer Field Rental Fee

- Bill asked if we should raise the fee for groups using the fields because right now it's \$25 for four hours. Meg asked if the fields were used for other things other than soccer. Bill said it's primarily soccer with the Mayfield Soccer Club, the Cobras, Challenger Soccer. He said there is also rugby. Pat said there is Ultimate Frisbee. Meg asked if they all pay and Bill said yes. Danielle added that the rugby group does not pay. Bill said that is part of the Regan family and they volunteer a lot. Meg asked if everyone has a permit. Danielle said yes.
- Dave asked what the fee is for the softball fields and Sean said \$50.
- Tom said that \$25 for four hours among two teams is pretty cheap.
- Danielle asked if we raise the fee, what does that do to the local organizations using the field? She said she has no idea what raising the fee would do to a group like the Mayfield Soccer Club, could they afford it or not? Tom said there can be a sliding scale for groups like the Mayfield Soccer Club.
- Dave suggested \$10 an hour. He said especially if bathrooms are added to the fields there will be additional expenses at the fields.
- Danielle said we can poll other communities again and then we can adjust for 2013.
- Danielle also said that she thought the Mayfield Soccer Club primarily uses Parkview Soccer Fields and that they no longer use fields in the surrounding communities. Bill said they use the library fields too. Danielle said it is still a lot of wear and tear on our fields probably.

Credit Card Fees

- Bill said that Mayfield Village gets charged a certain percentage fee on each credit card transaction. Recently the courts ruled that businesses can charge a user fee. Bill said he would like to start charging a fee.
- Kate and Tom said that is not a good idea and the rest of the committee agreed. Tom suggested building the credit card fee into the price charged for the program.
- Danielle said at a recent meeting of east side recreation departments, Bill asked the same question. They suggested calling it a cash or check discount. The committee agreed that it sounded more positive. Kate said there is also a cost for bounced checks though. Danielle said we have a policy in place for that where we automatically collect \$25 if that happens.
- Sean said that whatever is decided, it should be across the board for all programs.

Santa Ride

- Bill said he is working on the Santa route because it will be published in the upcoming VOV. He is trying to adjust times to make sure the ride goes smoothly. Danielle suggested starting earlier because if it is finished early, Santa can always hang out somewhere before the party.
- Danielle also suggested putting on the flyer that if a resident misses Santa on their street, then head to the last stop to meet up with him.
- Tom said percentage wise over the years, we have done great. He said there has been one or two mistakes over the years and that really isn't bad. Lori said that they just wait outside until they see him and that way you can't miss him.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center

Respectfully Submitted,

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