

Berkley Parks and Recreation Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes 8/9/2018

Attendance: Josephine Brewer, John Nicolai, Greg Patterson, Gary Polk, Joshua Pollard, Mike Kerby, Betty Smith

Parks and Recreation: Theresa McArleton

Call to order: 6:32PM

Approval of prior minutes: Motioned by Gary Polk and Seconded by John Nicolai

Guest Comments: Amy and Gabe of Berkley: Both new residents are impressed with the programs offered by parks and rec department.

Matter of Program Update:

Summer camp has been held at Anderson. It has been very successful this year. There are about 369 kids signed up and about 150-160 attending daily. The partnership with the school has been great. Total funds raised by the camp has been around \$290K. All programs are now registering online. This has been a bit of a transition but participants and staff are doing great working out the issues. It is noted that Scott has been doing an extraordinary job with camps. His hard work is appreciated by the board and staff. Camps would not be as successful without his hard work and dedication. The Berkley Buzz is now out and should be arriving to homes. After listening to citizens, the goal was to have it out earlier this year to help them plan better.

Matter of Senior Programing:

The parks and rec team has been working with new partnerships. Beaumont Health has been offering activities in conjunction with programs. Area Agency on Aging also becoming more active with program offerings. There is a senior day at the zoo coming up and a mystery trip that is set. The MI state fair trip is sold out. The restaurant trips are a success and many have been enjoying these. The goal is to have one to two restaurant trips a month. Dan has been doing great keeping up with all senior programs and has really encouraged more seniors to get involved.

Matter of SummerFest:

A high number have turned out to attend the Summerfest events. Senior Picnic was held at Jaycee Park. This was the first year holding it there. There were about 40 who participated in this. They were entertained by the Banjos of Michigan. Many comments were received stating the change of location was a nice addition. Jaycee Jamboree had over 400 in attendance. On 8/11 The Toy Store will be shown as an outdoor movie. Parks and Recs recently purchased a popcorn machine and a snow cone machine. They will be using these at the movie. Upcoming events include an ice cream social on 8/28 and touch a truck on 9/15. The Woodward Talk has been taking pictures of many events. They post these pictures online at their online gallery.

Matter of Cruisefest and Dream Cruise 2018:

Merchandise will go on sale starting 8/10 at the corner of 12 Mile RD and Woodward Ave. Those that sell the merchandise have asked to have closer porta pottys. In response, this year there will be two closer to the tent. The Berkley Cruisefest is expecting 380-400 cars.

Matter of Grant Update:

Both applications have been submitted and have passed the check for completion. The next step of review should happen in late August or early September. This is a chance to gain a few more points using the recommendation. Parks and rec staff will be diligent on review of the grant and is trying to have a successful application.

Matter of Community Center Bond Update:

The official language of the ballot proposal has been approved by the state and is awaiting approval from the county. Parks and Rec staff has been busy preparing a mailer that will be sent to every home in Berkley. City staff has launched a website yourberkleeyourvote.com. Those interested can find out more information regarding the bonds. CMNtv is set to interview Theresa regarding the proposed community center. Theresa has reached out to all PTA boards, she is trying to set meetings with these groups. Friends of the Parks are wanting to help raise awareness. They proposed having yard signs for those that would like to show support as well as talking with the citizens. Chairman Kerby will hold a meeting Aug 27 at 6PM to inform citizens of the proposal.

Matter of Elections:

It was motioned by John Nicolai with support from Josh Pollard that Mike Kerby would remain chairman, Gary Polk would remain Co chairman and Greg Patterson would remain secretary. Without objections and after discussion and a vote the positions remained the same. Gary Polk was appointed to be the liaison to the communication board.

Comments:

Josephine B.: Enjoyed all the Summerfest events and seeing all the people out.

Mike K.: Thanks staff for their hard work and dedication. Thanked Theresa for leading a great team.

Theresa M.: City Council presented a resolution to Eric Moran and to The Friends of the Parks to thank them for updating the park. There is a new piece of equipment being added to Jaycee Park. Thanked Joe for doing a "phenomenal job". This season was great. The camp staff this year has yet again outdone themselves.

John N.: Thanks for Parks and Rec staff for their dedication to the city and helping with the events even when they are not official Parks and Rec events.

Greg P.: Would like to thank staff for all the dedication and hard work and the Friends of the Parks for their willingness to help.

Gary P.: Thanked the board for his nomination to the communication board. Is looking forward to sharing his ideas. Thanked the staff for all their hard work.

Joshua P.: Is getting ready for winter baseball camp. Would like to thank Joe for all his hard work getting the fields to "look amazing" this season.

Betty S.: Stated about how great it was to see so many people outside and using the city parks this season. On behalf of The Berkley Houghton Woods Youth Assistance, she would like to thank Scott for his true dedication to summer camp. He has a way of inspiring the kids and making camp enjoyable. She has worked closely with him and she states how "wonderful" he is and great to work with, making sure the kids are always well taken care of.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09PM Motioned by Josh Pollard and seconded by Gary Polk