

Berkley Parks and Recreation Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes 9/13/2018

Attendance: Josephine Brewer, John Nicolai, Greg Patterson, Mike Kerby

Parks and Recreation: Theresa McArleton

Others: City Council: Bridgette Dean: **Friends of the Parks:** Adrian: **CEAC:** Sue Citarro

Call to order: 7:04PM

Approval of prior minutes: Motioned by Greg Patterson and Seconded by Mike Kerby

Guest Comments: None

Matter of Program Update:

Vacation camps were held on Monday and Tuesday for those observing the Jewish holidays. Summer Camp final count was 389 different participants.

Matter of Senior Programing:

Mystery trip is planned. December 10th will be the holiday party. New partnerships with Area Agency on Aging and Beaumont Health are starting. Dan has been doing a great job keeping up with can use. There has been a 15% increase in SMART funding. Seniors recently attended a Detroit Tigers game, the feedback was very positive.

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 1300-1500 total participants are the 5 events held over the summer. Thoughts on changing to more of a themed event to make each event a bit different were discussed. Equipment has been purchased recently to reduce rental costs. A wrap up meeting in to be held next month.

Matter of Cruisefest and Dream Cruise 2018:

Merchandise sale was about \$1000 under goal but still made about \$23000 profit. All groups that helps sell are appreciated and received funds for their organization. The Berkley Cruisefest had about 350-380 cars. All parking spots were sold out. There are 237 spots for rent.

Matter of Fall Programs:

Dance classes are seeing record breaking participants. These have been sold out and some had to be turned away. Dog obedience classes are also full. Touch a Truck is set for September 15 from 10-12. There will be a low noise option from 9:40 to 10. The community center has busy with rooms being booked.

Matter of Community Center Bond Update:

There will be a meeting held September 19 at 630 at the community center to discuss what will happen if the bond passes and to answer any questions from citizens. City staff has launched a website yourberkleyyourvote.com. Those interested can find out more information regarding the bonds. CMNtv interviewed Theresa regarding the proposed community center. Theresa has reached out to all PTA boards, she has meeting set for all but 2 boards. Friends of the Parks are wanting to help raise awareness. Another mailer from City Hall is should be out in 1-2 weeks. Buzz to come out in October and will have a bond information section. Discuss on the reasons no pool includes limited by number of parking spaces and cost.

Comments:

Josephine B.: Thanks to friends of the parks, "they are just awesome". Feels a new center would help improve community.

Mike K.: Thanks staff for their hard work and dedication. Thanked Theresa for leading a great team. Fall baseball has about 400 kids playing. Congratulation to Scott for making summer camps so successful. Dad's Club is holding a euchre party October 6 at the Legion Hall.

Theresa M.: Thanked Dad's Club for the help with updating fields and equipment. The grants for the splash pad should be returned shortly with a preliminary score. Joe recently attended a playground equipment maintenance program. Scott is set to attend the Nation Parks and Rec conference soon.

John N.: Thanked Parks and Rec staff for their dedication to the city and for writing the letter for Scott.

Greg P.: Would like to thank staff for all the dedication and hard work appreciated the letter sent regarding Scott's hard work and dedication to summer camp.

Adrian from Friends of the Parks: Group is looking for ideas for next project. Will be holding a cider and doughnut social at Oxford Tower Park on Sept. 30.

Bridgette from City Council: September is childhood cancer month. Discussions for Coolidge Highway diet has been tabled. Michigan Municipal League to hold their conference next week in Grand Rapids.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38PM Motioned by John Nicolai and seconded by Greg Patterson