

Minutes of the Recreation Advisory Commission
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 6:30 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT Naomi Goldberg, Tim Genyk, Patti Smith, Glenn Nelson, Kristin Kaiser
Laurence O'Connell

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT Jenna Bacolor, Josh Landefeld, Bryan Johnson

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS Patti Smith called the meeting to order at 6:33
P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 8, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Glen Nelson
and seconded by Tim Genyk that the meeting minutes of December 8, 2020, be approved. On a
unanimous vote, Patti Smith declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Membership

- Welcome Laurence (Larry) O'Connell, new RAC member - Patti Smith welcomes
Larry to the membership
- Member introductions - Team members voluntarily participated in ice breaker

NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation: Three Rec & Ed staff presented the Rec & Ed's Free Programming for AAPS
preK-8th grade students 2020-2021. See attached [PDF](#) of the presentation.

- Seth Dodson, Manager of Team Sports presented the Free programming as a reflection of the
Rec & Ed Values and Purpose
 - Every elementary and middle school throughout the district was utilized for program
areas striving to provide equal access, inclusion, and diversity
 - Program was developed to continue building strong community and lifetime learning
 - Fall 1 - 2730 PreK-8th participants - both virtual and in person program
 - Fall 11 - 918 Prek-8th participants - both virtual and in person program
 - Winter - 1217 Prek-8th participants - both virtual and in person program
 - Spring - Now in session
- Sean Williams, Facilities Supervisor presented the logistics of the Free Program
 - Schedule - Free programming ran every Wednesday and Saturday beginning
September 23, 2020

- Locations - Free programming utilized every elementary and middle school - with a particular focus on underserved communities and attention to varying locations throughout the program
- Equipment - balls, cones, tables, clipboards, COVID-19 safety, staff
- Elyse Bairley, Youth Sports Supervisor shared feedback from parents and students about the Free Programs
 - Positive feedback from both parents and students after participating in the Free Programs
 - Rec & Ed staff hope the families will return for our fee based programming

Questions and Discussion of the Rec & Ed presentation

- Glenn Nelson asked about the Rec & Ed staff and finances
 - Jenna Bacalor explained Rec & Ed will have to dip into the fund equity and the district supported the Free Programming from the general fund
 - Jenna assured the members Rec & Ed future is bright
- Tim Genyk. asked about spring and summer programming
 - Jenna Bacalor stated summer programming would be discussed later in the agenda
 - Sean Williams answered with the spring adventure activities planned

BRIEFING AGENDA

A. Report from Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) - Patti Smith

- Reported that all 3 pools will be open this summer. The sign up procedure will be in place, but the sign ups will be more equitable

B. Report from Parks and Recreation - Josh Landefeld

- 3 pools will be open throughout the city this summer with a new reservation system
- Buhr park open during the day for day camp, Registration begins next week
- Golf courses will be open - construction still happening at Huron Hills restoration project Liveries opening in April - start with a reservation process to control crowds
- Finances - all city depts were asked to budget a 5% cut - proposed fee increases

C. Report from Community Education & Recreation - Jenna Bacolor

- Rec & Ed Spring and Summer Program Plans
 - Jenna shared postcard being sent to AA residents
 - Shared new website with spring classes
 - Youth team sports and adult team sports will run in person program for the spring
 - Summer program -Rec & Ed will offer a seven week enrichment day camp program located at A2 STEAM. Keeping with COVID protocols the day camps will be small

in person groups and smaller overall programs. Programs will be viewable on the website the week of spring break (3/29) and registration begins 4/12

- Rec & Ed staff reassigned to district COVID-19 Response Work
 - COVID response team is comprised of Rec & Ed staff and all the school nurses
 - All members of the team are trained in Johns Hopkins contract tracing
 - COVID email address for AAPS staff to ask COVID questions and vaccine information or clarification - monitored by the COVID-19 response team
 - The team served as COVID monitors at the free programming
 - The team is trained in data compilation and rapid antigen testing
 - The team will be responding to cases - contact tracing

TRANSMITTALS - None

ADJOURNMENT - Patti Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:49 P.M.

The next RAC meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hepp
Recording Secretary