

Minutes of the Recreation Advisory Commission
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT Naomi Goldberg, Tim Genyk, Patti Smith, Rishika Bhutani, Glenn Nelson, Mary Casey

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT Jenna Bacolor, Josh Landefeld, Jen Eyer

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 4, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by N. Goldberg and seconded by P. Smith that the meeting minutes of February 4, 2020, be approved. On a unanimous vote, J. Bacolor declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Election of Officers - P. Smith announced she was interested in chairing RAC. P. Smith gave an introduction of herself and her interest in a robust Rec & Ed program. J. Bacolor called for volunteers to run for RAC Vice Chair. T. Genyk announced he was interested in the position of RAC Vice Chair. J. Bacolor called for a vote. A motion was made by G. Nelson and seconded by N. Goldberg to approve P. Smith as chair and T. Genyk as V. Chair of RAC. On a unanimous vote, J. Bacolor declared the motion carried. J. Bacolor turned the meeting over to chair P. Smith.
- B. Membership
 - a. Review current membership roster for accuracy - The recording secretary (A. Hepp) will email the membership spreadsheet to members. Send any corrections to A. Hepp and she will update the roster as necessary.
 - b. S. Dooper submitted a resignation from RAC, creating a new vacancy in the city-appointed seats.
 - c. Review application from L. O'Connell - L. O'Connell's application was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by N. Goldberg and seconded by T. Genyk to recommend L. O'Connell for a RAC position appointed by the City Council. P. Smith declared the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Identify a PAC liaison - Clarifications were made about the position regarding the voting status of the liaison and time of the meeting. P. Smith volunteered to be the PAC liaison.
- e. Identify membership subcommittee - N. Goldberg volunteered and other members can volunteer by contacting J. Bacolor

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation: J. Bacolor presented the Reimagined Rec & Ed programs and how the department pivoted programs during the pandemic. See attached [PDF](#) of the presentation.
 - Rec & Ed cancelled spring sports, child care, after school classes and summer camps
 - Rec & Ed worked to pivot the programs and adapt while maintaining their core values
 - Staff launched virtual programs during the closure and created a new website for these opportunities
 - Following the executives orders from the state, Rec & Ed was able to provide limited in-person summer camps and sports
 - Rec & Ed staff re-deployed staff in the fall and offered free programming to students and created a health specialist team to assist with the district's COVID-19 response
 - Fall programming included both virtual and in-person programming for youth and adults

Questions and Discussion of the Rec & Ed presentation

- G. Nelson. commented that he appreciates the Rec & Ed staff. G. Nelson asked if the school district general fund would reimburse Rec & Ed's fund balance. Donna D. responded we would be getting 500K from the district general fund for the free programming and personnel costs. 8% of expenses will be reimbursed from the district general fund.
- G. Nelson. asked if the reimbursement was slated for fiscal year 2019-2020 or 2020-2021. D. Dishman stated the reimbursement is slated for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
- G. Nelson asked what the current Rec & Ed fund balance was. D. Dishman responded the current Rec & Ed fund balance was 2.2 mil.
- G. Nelson asked how much of the fund balance would be gone by June 30th. D. Dishman responded ½ of the fund balance would be gone, but that it depended on spring programs.

BRIEFING AGENDA

- A. Report from Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) - J. Landefeld reported a few projects around the city. The Huron Hills watershed revitalization project is happening. Burns Park tennis courts and pickleball courts will be added in the spring.
- B. Report from Parks and Recreation - J. Landefeld. Parks and Rec had to cancel camps in the summer. They offered camp in the box free of charge. The golf courses were very busy in the summer and fall. Liveries opened and ran at 33% capacity. One city pool, Fuller pool, was opened on July 1 by reservation every day. 120 pool spots available everyday. Efforts were made to keep parks safe as they were very busy. Maintaining the parks facilities was a large job. Opened up ice rinks beginning of November and then closed them down eight days later.
- C. Report from Community Education & Recreation - J. Bacolor had no additional updates

TRANSMITTALS - None

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made by G. Nelson and seconded by P. Smith to adjourn. No discussion. On a unanimous vote, P. Smith declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Notice of the remaining RAC meeting dates for the 2020-2021 school year is forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hepp
Recording Secretary