

Minutes of the Recreation Advisory Commission  
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 6:30 P.M.  
Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT Mark Brehob, Hannah Cary, Nicholas Crowe, Stacy Ebron, Allison Miller, Larry O'Connell, Hannah Smith, Ken Svoboda,

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT Jenna Bacolor, Donna Dishman

GUESTS PRESENT Seth Dodson - Manager Team Sports Division Rec & Ed

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

- A. Larry O'Connell called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.
- B. Larry O'Connell led round robin introductions for the new members of the members

II. PUBLIC COMMENTARY None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the October 11, 2022 meeting. A motion was made by Stacy Ebron and seconded by Mark Brehob that the meeting minutes of October 11, 2022 be approved. On a unanimous vote, Larry O'Connell declared the motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Welcome new BOE appointed member; Allison Miller
  - a. Larry O'Connell welcomed and introduced Allison
- B. Welcome new City County appointed members; Mark Brehob, Hannah Cary
  - a. Larry O'Connell welcomed and introduced Mark and Hannah

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rec & Ed Leadership Update - Jenna Bacolor
  - a. Jenna Bacolor announced Donna Dishman is the newly appointed director of Rec & Ed.
    - i. Donna Dishman commented that she is excited to work with RAC in her new role.

- b. Jenna Bacolor clarified that she is the Executive Director, Community Division. This includes Rec & Ed, Strategic Partnerships and Community Engagement , Health and Wellbeing
  - c. Jenna Bacolor explained the managerial vacancies within Rec & Ed, and shared the organizational chart.
- B. Collecting additional demographic information for youth participants - Donna Dishman
- a. Beginning with spring youth sports and summer camp registrations, specific questions will be added to the registration system and ePACT (our database for HIPPA compliant registrants)
  - b. Sean Williams - Operations Manager with Rec & Ed will work on the changes to the registration system and ePACT
  - c. Larry O'Connell asked for questions regarding the collection of demographic data
    - i. No questions
- C. Fall Youth Soccer Survey - Seth Dodson - Manager Team Sports
- a. Jenna Bacolor reported that during the March 8, 2022 RAC meeting, there was a presentation on Youth Team Sports and Gender Inclusivity
    - i. Jenna Bacolor reinforced that every child can play and participate
    - ii. Youth Teams Sports moved forward to change the league formation and name for Fall 2022 Soccer with the inclusion of "Coed" added to all teams
  - b. Seth Dodson - Team Sports Manager presents an update on Fall 2022 Soccer
    - i. The number of participants: 1,950 The number of teams: 194
    - ii. Excellent participation - back to pre-pandemic numbers
    - iii. The league formation changed. All teams were labeled "Boys Coed" or "Girls Coed"
    - iv. At the conclusion of the season, coaches received a survey
      - 1. Specific questions were asked and information returned was very valuable
      - 2. 60% of coaches responded to the survey
    - v. A parent survey was sent out the week of December 5, 2022 and it closes on December 16, 2022.
    - vi. Seth Dodson commented that Rec & Ed has always wanted all kids to play, but now they're promoting it in a different way for inclusion.
    - vii. Question from Mark Brehob: Did a lot of girls choose to play on the boys teams?

1. Seth Dodson answered: At the younger levels, Y5-1st grade, a number of girls did play on the boys teams. This was especially true on the parochial teams
- viii. Seth Dodson commented that volleyball, field hockey, baseball, and softball have always been coed. Soccer hadn't been labeled that before Fall 2022 because of the size of the program.
- ix. Question from Larry O'Connell: How many boys and girls teams?
  1. Seth Dodson answered: 85 girl coed teams and 105 boy coed teams

## VI. BRIEFING AGENDA

- A. Report from Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) - Larry O'Connell
  - a. The livery manager is retiring after a successful summer season.
  - b. Grant money is available; they are applying for a grant for Buhr arena.
  - c. PAC approved a process for renaming a park.
  - d. Construction of a new tunnel connecting a bike trail to Barton Park
  - e. PAC reviewed the PROS plan
- B. Report from Parks and Recreation - Josh Landefeld
  - a. Parks Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan is in the public comment period until December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Approvals from PAC, Planning Commission and City Council will happen in January for submission February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Parks and Recreation hired a new deputy manager: Addarius Bryant
  - c. Parks and Recreation has been working with a consultant on an ADA study which should be complete soon.
    - i. This will create a transition plan for parks to help us be more accessible throughout the system.
  - d. Planning for the 2023 budget happening now.
- C. Report from Community Education & Recreation - Donna Dishman
  - a. Class registration is now open for the winter season
  - b. Adult enrichment mailer has been sent
  - c. Flyers have been sent to individual schools
  - d. Questions
    - i. Hannah Smith asks how we program classes

1. Donna Dishman answered: Three ways. Rec & Ed supervisors and managers reach out to vendors. Private teachers approach Rec & Ed. Participants suggest ideas for classes.
  2. Jenna Bacolor shared the link to apply to teach in the chat for the group.
- e. Jenna Bacolor tasked RAC with brainstorming ideas for a presentation at future meetings and new ideas for classes.
- i. Larry O'Connell suggested having an instructor speak to RAC.
  - ii. Stacy Ebron suggested a coach speak to the group and is interested in a parent child class that teaches gaming and a parent child cooking challenge.
  - iii. Mark Brehob suggested pickleball as a new Rec & Ed sport.
    1. Donna Dishman asked Mark if he would help promote and gather information about pickleball, and he answered yes, if it wasn't during the school year.

VII. TRANSMITTALS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Hannah Smith moved to adjourn the meeting and Allison Miller seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, Larry O'Connell adjourned the meeting at 7:11 P.M.

The next RAC meetings are scheduled for  
March 14, 2023  
May 9, 2023

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Respectfully submitted,

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