

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A Meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Thursday, February 8, 2024 in room 503 of the Troy Community Center.

Mike Brady called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Mike Brady, Pam Brady, Brian Goul, Kelly Martin, John Shepherd, Nikki McEachern, Dennis Trantham, Casey Colussi, Timothy Fulcher, Jasper Gill

Absent: Vinodh Mudaliar, Aanya Shah

Visitors: Melinda Hilborn, Jane Stienberg, Marjorie Williams, Patrick O'Donovan, Renee Freeman, Rob Freeman, Julie O'Donovan

Public Comments:

Melinda Hilborn

- Addressed the board for the group of visitors present at the meeting. Stated there are two issues she'd like to bring to the board's attention.
- The first issues being the reduction of Friday Frolic Dances.
- Stated her and the rest of the parents and participants in Friday Frolic are very disappointed and wanted to know why there has been a reduction in dances.
- Wondered if it was a financial issue.
- Stated her and the rest of the parents would be more than willing to help in anyway they can to insure more dances in the future.
- The second issues being the recreation department not offering a pickleball ladder in the fall. Claimed she heard the reason why being a lack of interest.

Brian Goul

- Assured the parents that the Friday Frolic reduction wasn't because of a financial issue.
- Stated he and the rest of his staff would meet later this week and email all of the parents on why there has been a reduction in dances and what we can do to resolve this issue going forward.
- Stated the reason for not having a pickleball ladder in the fall had nothing to do with there being a lack of interest. Said it was due to our gym schedule.
- Stated our gym is our most packed area in our building and that we need to be fair and allow times for other programs and sports to have gym time.
- Stated pickleball currently has more gym time than any other sport or program. Will meet with our Recreation Supervisor – Meghan Veiga to see how we can address this issue in the future.

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # PR - 2024 - 02 – 001

Mike Brady had a correction for a grammatical error on page 3. Changing for to of.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of December 7, 2023 are approved as amended.

Moved by Mike Brady

Yes: 6

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

New Business – None

Old Business - None

Member Comments –

- Jasper Gill inquired about the status of the band shell at Jeanne M Stine Park and if the Troy Community Foundation’s donation was going to be enough to cover the total cost of the project.
- Dennis Trantham stated that at the last city council meeting the donation from the Troy Community Foundation was present to Council. Mentioned he has been working with vendors to find a band shell that will compliment the pavilion at the new ice arena.
- Dennis Trantham also stated that the Troy Community Foundations donation will not cover the total cost of the band shell, but they are hoping to use the left-over funds from the ice arena to cover the rest of the cost.
- Timothy Fulcher addressed the board letting them know that our next meeting in April will be his last. He will be retiring at the end of the 2023-2024 school year and moving to North Carolina with his family. Stated that it has been an honor serving on this board.

Staff Reports

Brian Goul

- Has been working on the budget which is due Monday. Been focusing on submitting a lot of capital improvement request in the budget.
- Stated our next board meeting is important. It will be the boards chance to review and approve the budgets for the parks and recreation departments before they go to council.
- Presented our new spring recreation guide to the board. Programs and camps are already starting to fill up.
- Mentioned we will be having hiring fairs here at the community center. Lifeguard positions start out at \$16 per hour and pool managers start out at \$20 per hour.

We also have other job opportunities for sports and camp staff. Encouraged the board to spread the word to anyone looking for summer work.

- Shelter rentals will be available to rent starting March 5th. We will be losing one shelter at Boulan Park this year due to the new cricket field going in, but expect to have it back by next year.
- Our indoor pool pump is broken, have a rental pump in place until it gets fixed.
- The old senior store has been turned into a card room. Usage of that room has picked up over the last couple months.
- Have been working around the election here in our building. We had to move a lot of our fitness classes and programs around due to the rooms the city has been using.
- Grant work for the senior dining room will be starting after the election.

Dennis Trantham

- The new ice rink and pavilion will not be opening on schedule. Setbacks have occurred due to logistical issue's with services and parts being delayed.
- Having a meeting tomorrow with our engineer to go over the design for the new cricket field at Boulan Park.
- Last Monday I took a resolution to council to authorize expending some funds to complete phase 2 of Sylvan Glen Lake Park. Will use the money we got awarded from a grant to add a pavilion, play structure and possibly a fishing pier.
- Submitted a memo to council to authorize spending capital funds to replace the play structure's at Firefighter and Raintree parks.
- Submitted requests for 12 million dollars in capital improvements for parks in the budget. If approved will use that money to build pickleball courts, basketball courts and improve field conditions.

Public Input - None

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm.



Mike Brady, Chairperson



Corey Clark, Recording Secretary

