

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A Meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, February 10, 2022 in room 402 of the Troy Community Center.

Mike Brady called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Mike Brady, Pam Brady, Tim Fulcher, Kelly Martin, John Shepherd, Hitesh Patel (arrived late), Dennis Trantham, Brian Goul, Nikki McEachern

Absent: Govindrajan Thattai, Casey Colussi, Akshitha Sahu

Visitors: Vinodh Mudaliar, Sangheetha Mudaliar, and Kinjal Shah

Public Comments: Vinodh Mdaliar represented the group. He belongs to the Michigan Youth Cricket Group. He is requesting the grass to be mowed shorter, and to be able to reserve the field to teach his students of approximately 40 students. He also asked the City to consider putting practice lanes in the parks similar to Bloomer Park in Rochester and South Lyon Oaks.

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # PR - 2022 - 01 – 001

RESOLVED, that the minutes of November 18, 2021 are approved.

Moved by Tim Fulcher

Seconded by John Shepherd

Yes: 5

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business – None.

New Business-

- A. Introduction of Nikki McEachern as new Assistant Director of Recreation
 - Nikki was recently promoted from Senior Program Supervisor to Assistant Director.
- B. Update on Jeanne M. Stine Community Park
 - Park is almost complete.
 - Brian Goul is working with Cindy Stewart on offering Movie Nights this summer.
 - Farmers Market moving to the park this summer.
 - The dedication is slated for May 26, 2022.
- C. Budget
 - The April meeting will be the approval of the Budget for Parks and Recreation.
 - Information will be sent out a couple weeks prior for review.

Member Comments –

- Mike Brady discussed the problems associated with cutting the grass behind the Troy Community Center short for the Cricket Pitch.
- Dennis noted the area is field grass and cutting it short would create mud. Cutting the grass short requires different grass and would have to change the contract with the mowing company.
- The Jeanne M. Stine Park is not large enough to hold any sport facility.
- Tim Fulcher asked about a reservation system.
- Brian noted that the area behind the Troy Community Center is not a true Cricket field so it would be hard to reserve it for Cricket.
- Dennis noted that the Parks has had Cricket on their radar for a while. It would take 1,500,000.00 to develop land the City owns to build a Cricket field.

Staff Reports

Brian Goul

- Recreation is starting to plan for summer programs.
- Troy Family Aquatic Center is planning on opening. It could have shortened hours or less amenities based on staffing. Part time staffing is down and the Recreation Supervisor in charge of aquatics has been having to lifeguard to cover the shortage.
- Part time pay rates have been recently increased to encourage applicants.

Dennis Trantham

- The 8 part time staff that has been retained year-round has helped the department.
- The Dog Park restroom and Boulan Park's south restroom has been heated and remained open. There has been a problem with cement heaving therefore the doors did not close and had damage from the cold.
- The Parks Department is hoping to have more restrooms at other parks be open year round.
- Still 1-2 openings for part time staffing.
- The vision of a ice rink is hoped for but the funding is not there yet. The Parks Department is still working on the funding.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Mike Brady, Chairperson

Shannon Louwaert, Recording Secretary