

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A Meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 in room 402 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, Vinodh Mudaliar, Aanya Shah, John Shepherd, Nikki McEachern, Dennis Trantham

Absent: Casey Colussi, Timothy Fulcher, Jasper Gill

Visitors: Premendra Kumar, Ashish Rajan, Ani Gatla

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # PR - 2023 - 02 – 001

Vindoh Mudaliar had an addition to the minutes about adding in his comments about inquiring to have a shuttle service to the community center and various park locations using the Troy School District buses.

RESOLVED, that the minutes of November 17, 2022 are approved as amended.

Moved by Mike Brady

Yes: 5

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

New Business –

Senior Grant Update

Brian Goul stated the city has been awarded a grant for \$250,000 through Oakland County to make capital improvements to our senior citizen facilities. The design stage is currently underway and renovations should begin this Spring. The money will be used to renovate room 402 in the community center making it geared more towards our senior population as well as upgrade the community center's Shuffleboard & Bocce Ball courts.

Mike Brady inquired about the senior survey the recreation department sent out. Brian Goul stated it wasn't very helpful and that we didn't get any detailed feedback from our senior population. Most of the comments on the survey were about adding more pickleball courts.

Kelly Martin inquired if any of the money from the grant could be used to add picnic tables to Jeanne M Stine Park so senior could have a place to relax outside the community center.

Dennis Trantham stated that there are picnic tables under the shelter at Jeanne M Stine Park and that adding more out into the park would create problems for the contracted mowing company. He also added that Jeanne M Stine Park was designed to be an open park with plenty of space for events and activities.

Old Business - None

Member Comments –

- Kelly Martin stated how glad she is that we were awarded the grant and that we are renovating room 402 to give our senior population their own space.

Staff Reports

Brian Goul

- Stated that at the next board meeting we will be reviewing the 2024 fiscal year budget for the following: Parks, Recreation, Aquatic Center, Nature Center, Troy Historical Village, Sanctuary Lake Golf Course, and Sylvan Glen Golf Course. He will also be emailing out the budgets a week before hand to give everyone time to review them.
- Update on TFAC. The pumps have been pulled out and are being repaired. Repairs are also being done for the slides.
- Shelter Rentals open up on March 7th for residents and March 14th for non-residents. Shelters will be filling up fast for the upcoming summer.
- Meghan Veiga is our new Recreation Supervisor for Sports & Adaptive. She will be taking over Scott Mercer duties. We are hoping to have her attend the next board meeting to introduce her.
- Ihab Jumaah has been promoted to our Full-Time Pool Manager.

Nikki McEachern

- Despite increasing membership fees for the community center in January of 2023, it has been a smooth transition. We are actually at a net gain in memberships since announcing that news in November.
- A letter has been sent out announcing that we are closing kids corner due to low participation. We are exploring new ideas to utilize that space going forward.
- On January 17, 2023 our Rec Admin Staff had a retreat at Sanctuary Lake Golf Course to set goals for the upcoming year. Most of the goals are internal for our organization.
- Our Spring guide has been completed and will be mailed out next week to Troy residents. Our registration dates for Spring are February 28th for residents and March 2nd for non-residents.
- We have started accepting applications for seasonal positions for the 2023 season.

Dennis Trantham

- Questions have been asked about Green Credits, we had our grant coordinator look into it and we do not qualify because we are not a public utility.
- Update on the Inclusive Park. We have made it through environmental and acarological aspects of it. Meet on site with the county to see if any of the trees hosted protected species. Since the park is so close to I-75 they are requiring us to do a noise study to determine if it will be too loud.
- Opened bids today for the Civic Center Pavilion. The process for this bid is different. The Parks Department doesn't know what the cost is, being kept from us by purchasing. The Goal is to find the appropriate contractor that can handle the job and

give us the result we want. We won't know the cost until we interview and score the 3 bids.

- Playground update. We are still working on replacing Beach Road and the community center playgrounds. Waiting on materials to be delivered.
- Parks department is still understaffed. Hoping to add 2 additional staff members.
- Working on implementing a donation policy and procedure.

Public Input

Premendra Kumar – Inquired about implementing a way to reserve cricket fields.

Brian Goul – Stated that it is a practice pitch and not an official field and that we currently don't reserve fields. Hopes to implement a lottery system in the future to reserve fields once the new cricket field is built.

Premendra Kumar – Asked what he could do to reserve the cricket pitch this year.

Brian Goul – Directed him to fill out a special use permit and we will review it and decide.

Kelly Martin – Asked Premendra if he is able to reserve cricket fields in other cities. Which he stated yes.

Brian Goul – Stated that reserving fields is an ongoing issue we will continue to review and hope to find a solution that works for us.

Premendra Kumar – Asked about replacing the mat at the cricket pitch.

Dennis Trantham – Stated his staff replaced it 3 years ago and that he would add it to his to do list. He also added it might take a while due to being short staffed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm.



Mike Brady, Chairperson



Corey Clark, Recording Secretary