

PERINTON RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2013

PRESENT: Chair Al Chesonis, Advisory Board Members Mike Coppola, Jim Donahue, Paul Fioravanti, Cheryl Hanzlik, Jayne LaFay, Dave Schaeffer, Commissioner of Recreation and Parks Jeff Myers, Director of Recreation Diane Riesenberger and Director of Parks Stacey Estrich.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the February 28, 2013 minutes by Board member Jayne LaFay, seconded by Board member Jim Donahue with the caveat that the font of the minutes be adjusted so that they are uniform throughout the minutes. Minutes were approved pending the font format correction.

COMMISSIONER MYERS' REPORT

CIVIC ORGANIZATION INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

We have received four responses to date regarding the Volunteer Service Organization Informational Open House being held here on Saturday, May 18th. Joining us so far will be the Fairport Lion's Club, Fairport Rotary, Webster – Fairport Elks and the Settler's Club.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The deposit to the Supervisor for March was \$233,465.01. This amount is \$4,335.92 less than March of 2012, making our deposit to date, 2013 a total of \$2,277.65 below last year.

FITNESS PASS UPDATE FOR EXCELLUS MEMBERS

We are now up to 27 residents who have taken advantage of our new Year Pass for Excellus members, up 9 from a month ago. Meanwhile, Excellus has added another form that the member must fill out, get signed and submit as part of the reimbursement process.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE LIFT FOR WHIRLPOOL SPA

The handicap accessible lift into and out of the whirlpool spa was installed last week. The installation crew ran into some trouble in February and had to reschedule the installation.

STATE RECREATION CONFERENCE

The state recreation and parks conference is now behind us. Overall, the event was a huge success. The following members of our staff were heavily involved in the planning process; Jeff Myers, Diane Riesenberger, Debbie Ellis, Jeff Nutting, Josh Dillon and Jeff Ackerman. Advisory Board member Jim Donahue was also part of the planning committee. In addition to the six staff members; Matt Steffen, Stacey Estrich and Scott Allen also attended the conference. The educational sessions were excellent, and Di Riesenberger has compiled a report from the various staff members regarding their conference experience. As conference co-chair, Jeff Myers was very appreciative of the assistance that was given from the staff.

At the Awards Banquet, Jeff was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, which is the organization's most prestigious.

A copy of the Final Conference Brochure has been included in everyone's packet for your review.

NEW BOILERS AT COMMUNITY CENTER

The new boilers that were installed at the community center were fired up for the first time on March 8th, and on Monday, March 11th, they took over as the primary source of heat for the community center. The energy efficiency rating for these boilers will result in a reduction in energy consumption costs. We are now exploring the possibility of tying our hot water heating system into the new boilers, and eliminate the two gas-fired hot water heaters that were installed when the community center was built. The existing hot water heaters have an energy efficiency rating of 75% to 80%, while the new system, if installed, is estimated at a 95% to 98% energy efficiency rating. This project is estimated at a little over \$15 thousand.

DIRECTOR ESTRICH'S REPORT

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Three Eagle Scout projects are in the planning stages. The projects are reconstruction of the Perinton Park volleyball courts, new garden entrance beds at the upper parking lot of Perinton Park and painting two shelters at Fellows Road Park.

Girl Scout Troop #41 was introduced to vegetables and fruits at their March 21 monthly meeting. Eighteen girls will be working with us in 'Share the Harvest'. They are extremely enthusiastic to earn their garden badge. Additionally, one of our many FREE garden lectures to Community Garden members was held March 13 for 30 people. Companion Planting was the topic.

NEW FEATURES

A new event for the Town is receiving in-house approval. The Trails Roc '0 SPF' Half Marathon will be held on July 20. The run starts at North Face and goes to Kreag Road Park and back (13.2 to 15 miles). Five Town employees are starting to train for the event. Monies raised will go toward travel expenses for a local professional runner to achieve his/her first marathon and Victor/Perinton Trail Associations.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The metal garage doors have been replaced by Alliance Door Company and are outstanding. A new safety feature was added to ensure doors are manually closed by a push button (hold system). A portion of the roof at Fellows Road Park was completed Monday, March 25. We are currently working on Perinton Park electrical improvements, and restroom stall improvements at various parks.

OPERATIONS

The Village Ice Skating Rink officially closed March 25, 2013. The ice rink was open for 73 out of 88 days. This is 83% success rate. We broke the record for staying open the latest; however, started late due to malfunctioning equipment. We are hoping for about two more weeks.

Egypt Park improvements and discussions continue. A meeting is being set for April 12 to brainstorm fundraising concepts for the future dog park. In the meantime, the dog park area is being cleared in order to stop the growth of black locust and maintain the future site as open field space.

The last remaining trees involving the new Perinton Park tennis courts have been taken down. Fairport Municipal Commission (FMC) contacted us this winter for a tree removal project. The agreement was for FMC to cut and remove all the branches they were able to chip and Town Park staff to remove large trunks, stump grind and topsoil/ seed. The partnership saved parks operation budget approximately \$9,000.00 including labor time.

A new Ford 150 pickup truck and two Toro Zero Turn mowers (60/72 inch deck) have been ordered from State Contract.

Scott Allen, Parks Foreman, and Stacey Estrich, Parks Director, attended the New York State Recreation and Parks Society Conference in Rochester NY, (March 17-19).

The newly purchased and repaired Amphitheatre shell arrived March 20 at Park Operations. Estimated installation time is the week of May 6.

DIRECTOR RIESENBERGER'S REPORT

RECREATION PROGRAMS

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Winter 2013 registration total \$146,500.03
Spring 2013 registration is currently at \$113,965.50.
There are 2,372 participants enrolled in 344 classes.

FACILITY USAGE

March totals year to date – 43 reservations for a total of \$4,257.50.
Year to Date 2013 – 125 reservations for a total income of \$14,882.00.

PROGRAM REVIEWS

Centerstage Reservations

To date we have the following reservations at the amphitheater for the summer season:

5/18-5/19 Relay for Life
6/29 Fairport Soccer Tournament
8/18 Church of the Assumption Outdoor Mass

We are currently in conversations with the Main Street Armory and the Socialaire Group regarding a full day concert on 8/17 featuring 4-5 bands. We have also started initial conversations regarding a Blake Cognata Benefit Concert.

Father Daughter Sports Night

This is the second year for this event held on Friday, March 1. We had 52 participating dads and daughters enjoying games in the gym, swimming and refreshments. A good time was had by all.

Blarney Bingo

This event was held on March 15 and we had 67 in attendance. Participants enjoyed fun prizes, pizza and a visit with the leprechaun.

Egg Hunt

The Egg Hunt held on Saturday, March 23 was great despite the fact that the children were looking for eggs in the snow! It is estimated between the Egg Hunt and the Mr. E Bunny and the Jelly Bean Trail activities for preschoolers, over 400 children participated. The Egg Hunt is co-sponsored by the Fairport Police Benevolent Association which helps monetarily as well as with manpower. Helping Hands from Minerva Deland School volunteer each year to work. The Perinton Recreation and Parks Department greatly appreciates the support from these two organizations.

Leagues

Youth Volleyball, Youth Basketball and Adult Basketball all wrapped up successful seasons. The Youth Basketball league was culminated by a visit from three Rochester Razorsharks, who conducted a clinic, followed by a pizza party. All sheet pizzas were donated by Mark's Pizzeria. A United States Tennis Association Grow the Game grant has been applied for to help implement a new 10 and under tennis program at Egypt Park in the fall. An additional grant toward renovation/construction of courts will be applied for in the coming weeks. Youth Soccer and Adult Softball are in the planning stages.

Perinton Youth Triathlon

We have set the date of August 10 for the Youth Triathlon. The distances will be: 50 yard swim, 2.2 mile bike and .5 mile run. The event will be open to ages 8-14 years with groups divided 8-10 years and 11-14 years. The event will start at 10am in seven minute intervals with 12 athletes. We will incorporate an awards ceremony and lunch after the event. Universal Imports will be sponsoring the event for \$750. Jeff Nutting, Josh Dillon and Matt Steffen will be coordinating the event. More details to follow.

AQUATICS

After an hour long meeting with the Health Department on Wednesday, March 20 the Aquatics Center passed with flying colors. The handicap lift installation is now complete. All staff will be attending 1 of 6 three hour in-services to review lifeguarding skills and recertify their CPR/AED certification. To date 2013 we have received \$2,535 in revenue from Victor Swim Club. We held a Discover Scuba class of 20 on Wednesday, March 27. Spring lesson totals for 2012 were \$25,016. To date 2013 we are at \$24,907. With the difference of \$109 and still a week of registration we are hoping to exceed last year's numbers. With the decline in revenue for the older children, we will be focusing on student retention efforts to keep kids enrolled and taking lessons through later levels. We are working toward a relationship with Turin to provide aquatic opportunities for which we do not have facilities or pool space. Examples of these programs would be: a pre-competitive swim clinic to get kids interested in the Fairport Area Swim Team, kayaking, a mini swim team over the summer and others. Matt Steffen has been doing a great job overseeing the Aquatics area while Laura Silins is out on maternity leave.

TEEN CENTER

On Thursday, March 21, twenty one teens and adults gathered at the Teen Center to put together 100 friendship bags for children who require the services of the Bivona Child Advocacy Center. This Center offers hope and healing to kids that have been sexually or physically abused. The bags include a hug card made by the teens, a juice box and snack (which were donated by Girl Scout Troop #483 and senior citizens from the Jefferson Park and the Northfield Enriched Living Facility). They also contain various age appropriate activities to keep the children occupied while sitting in the waiting room at Bivona. The staff at Bivona is very grateful to the teens for embracing their mission.

55+

On Wednesday, March 6, Alan Sheldon, a financial advisor, spoke on Social Security and the changes being made. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner was held on Tuesday, March 12. Entertainment was provided by Maury Rosenberg and everyone enjoyed his piano playing. The Retired Men's Club is increasing in attendance. They have had interesting speakers and their once a month travels begin in April with a trip to Gleason Works. We have added another Yoga Stretch class with Silver Sneakers that begins on April 8. Debbie Ellis and Kim Zeck are attending a Brain Health and Fitness Series with Barbara Bruce. These sessions are sponsored by Senior Options for Independence and the Fairport Baptist Home. The hope is to bring this project to our 55+ program. The first trip through Covered Wagon Tours begins on April 24 and will travel to Seneca Niagara Casino.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The New York State Recreation and Park Society 2013 Conference was held March 17-19 at the Radisson Hotel Rochester Riverside. Debbie Ellis, Jeff Ackerman, Jeff Nutting, Josh Dillon, and Diane Riesenberger were involved in the planning. Along with these staff members, Head Guard Matt Steffen also attended. We were very grateful to be given this opportunity to learn, network and grow as professionals. We selected the sessions we would attend in advance to be sure we covered all areas that pertained to our Department. Sample sessions attended were: Budgeting During Difficult Times, NYS Department of Health Requirements for Camps, Proactive Protection of Your Aquatic Facility, Improvement Through Evaluation, Organizational Improvement Through Change, Understanding Alzheimer's and Walking with Ease. Congratulations to Commissioner Jeff Myers on being awarded the NYSRPS Distinguished Service Award.

Our first aid kit contents have been re-evaluated by Jon LeRoy, Director of Training/Safety Officer for the Perinton Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Our existing list was pretty current and still applicable, however, with Jon's expertise he recommended the inclusion of larger gauze dressings, bandage shears, and saline solution to clean cuts and double as an eye wash. Kits are in the process for being updated per Jon's recommendations.

The Wellness Committee hosted a "Lunch and Learn" program on Thursday, March 21 on the topic of nutrition. Forty eight Town employees from all departments spent their lunch hour listening to a presentation by John and Molly Becker of Healthier Nutrition. The Wellness Committee plans to host similar "Lunch and Learn" sessions on various topics throughout the year as a result of the success of this event and subsequent feedback.

MARKETING

The E-Newsletter was sent to 844 people on March 25. Work on the summer brochure is well underway and will be mailed to residents on Monday, April 22.

MARKETING REPORT - Enclosed

MEETING CALENDAR DISCUSSION

After a brief discussion of the proposed meeting calendar, it was approved by the Advisory Board.

AROUND THE TABLE

Paul Fioravanti inquired as to when the playground at Perinton Park would be operational. Director Estrich informed the group that construction of the new playground will begin as soon as weather permits and will be completed in time for the busy spring/summer season.

Diane Riesenberger mentioned that new lobby furniture is expected to arrive in May.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm . The next Advisory Board meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 25, 2013 at the Perinton Community Center in Room 211.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie C. Kayser
Secretary

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