

PERINTON RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2009

PRESENT: Advisory Board Chair Al Chesonis, Board members Jayne LaFay, Dave Schaeffer, Mike Coppola, Cheryl Hanzlik, Steve Van Vreede, Commissioner of Recreation and Parks James Donahue, and Recreation Director Jeffrey Myers.

INTRODUCE GUESTS: In attendance at the meeting were students from the Fairport High School Senior Class. They are all students in Miss Amie Carr's Politics class, and were there to observe the meeting. In attendance were: Brad Fantauzzo, 20A Whitney Ride Road; Mark Goulden, 30C Whitney Ridge Road; Alicia Yamashita, 2 Cameron Court; Christina Pihl, 123 Brentwood Lane; John Meeske, 18 Great Garland Rise; Andrew Nittoli, 15 Selborne Chase; Tim Ackerman, 3 Winnermere Drive; Arturo Spica, 29 South Avenue; Michael Bonaccorso, 16 Woodlawn Avenue; Katie Bonaccorso, 16 Woodlawn Avenue; Chantel Braithwaite, 8 Putnam Circle; Zahira Diaz, 20 Heatherwood Road; Tyler Nolan, 3 Pearlstone Drive; Matt Kelly, 22 Warwick Drive; Kris Sterzin, 111 Broadmoor Trail; Paige Mead, 55 Bluhm Road; Aaron Jones, 46 Briggsboro Lane; Tim Monahan, 163 Hogan Road.

MINUTES: Motion to Approve the Minutes from the December 4, 2008 Recreation & Parks Advisory Board Meeting by Board Member Dave Schaeffer, Seconded by Board Member Jayne LaFay. Minutes approved unanimously.

COMMISSIONER DONAHUE'S REPORT

Loss in state aid-The Town received another letter from the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau stating there will be a further reduction of state aid for youth in 2009. The letter further states that the town and city youth bureau's are proposed to be eliminated. This loss of funding will have a significant adverse affect on your youth and teen programming at the Lion's Den Teen Center. The recreation staff is meeting to review options and make recommendations. The aid was cut by approximately \$2,000 in 2008. Fortunately the Town did receive a reimbursement of \$24,572 for 2008.

Fairport Schools Construction- Fairport Schools are undergoing major modifications and improvements as a result of a bond approved a few years ago. The construction will have an adverse affect on our recreation programming for the next few years. The school district is aware of our concerns. We met with the District Superintendent Jon Hunter and Athletic Director Jim Zumbo this week and previewed upcoming construction preliminary plans. We should be able to continue our summer programming by relocating programs to other school facilities for the summer of 2009. We may have to hire staff to deal with some of the potential safety related to school construction near our programming sites. (Commissioner Donahue also stated that the Fairport School District is working very closely with Recreation & Parks to keep us up to date regarding the construction plans, and loss of facility availability. Thank you to Dr. Jon Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, and Jim Zumbo, Athletics Director.)

Summer "Better Together" Program- This program is a major part of our summer playground program. It has been co-sponsored by our department as well as Fairport Schools and BOCES. Recent changes proposed by BOCES are requiring us to revisit the partnership of this program. A meeting was held with the Fairport School officials this week. The Fairport School District is considering working exclusively with our department in order to continue to offer this program to district residents without making major program adjustments. Negotiations are continuing.

Bids- Bids will be opened next week for wearing apparel, recreation supplies, arts and craft supplies, and janitorial services.

PCC/Aquatics Center Update- Birthday Pool parties reached the budgeted projection for 2008. We started booking 2009 parties. The aquatic center attendance and income was good during the Christmas/New Year Holiday week.

New Pool-Related Legislation/Requirements-The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act passed by Congress and interpreted by the Consumer Product Safety Commission which issued Public Law 110-140 requires us to modify/replace pool drain covers in the lap pool and hot tub with different drain covers. There continue to be problems with implementing this legislation. We are doing our due diligence by making sure we order CPSC approved products that are also approved by the Monroe County and NY State Health Departments once they are available. Our staff and contractors are doing their best to identify acceptable products.

Staff Update- The interviewing is underway for the Director of Parks position. The position was posted internally and also listed in the Democrat and Chronicle as well distributed through professional organization and educational channels. We are receiving some very good candidate applications.

Financial Update-The deposit to the Supervisor for December was \$83,946.66. We ended the year with a total transfer of \$1,529,592.67 which was \$20,283.07 ahead of 2007 revenue.

Master Plan Update- The master plan final draft is still being updated by Trowbridge. Additional information on the clarification between open space and dedicated park land has been sent to Trowbridge and Wolf. We anticipate the Advisory board will have a final draft copy to review and approve at the next meeting. The plan will then be forward to the Town Board for consideration.

DIRECTOR MYERS' REPORT

I. Recreation Programs.

A. RECTRAC – Rec Facts.

- Christmas week business. (Sat, 12/22-Mon, 12/31); Aquatic and Fitness areas were fairly busy; Point of Sale revenue: \$8,929.50 (2007: \$9,103.75), Pass Management revenue: \$8,140.00 (2007: \$9,096.00), Total for 8 days: \$17,069.50, (2008: \$18,199.75).
- Gift Certificate sales: January 1 – October 31, 2008: \$2,000.00; November 1 – December 31, 2008: \$3,369.00. Total from 2007 amount is up \$1,193.
- Winter 2009 registration began on Monday, 1/5/09. Almost \$82,000 since Monday.
- Track Use: 2008 showed slight increase in use from 2007 (46,520 to 46,868).

B. Programming News.

- Winter '09 programs begin Monday, 1/19.
- Father Son Sports Night: Friday evening, 1/23. Historically a popular program. 38 participants already enrolled as of this afternoon.

II. Facility Usage.

A. PCC Room and/or Gymnasium Rentals – 2008 FINAL REPORT: Full Year reservations: 369; Full Year income: \$64,672.50.

B. Year to Year Comparison Report attached.

III. Department News

- A. This afternoon I interviewed a student working towards his Master's degree in Recreation management. He is a candidate to conduct his internship with us in the spring semester.
- B. Bids for Recreation Equipment, Wearing Apparel, Arts & Crafts Supplies and Janitorial Services are being received at the Town Clerk's office. Bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, January 15th, at 1:00pm.

PARKS REPORT

Commissioner Donahue stated that the parks department is to be commended for continuing the excellent work that they have always delivered. Parks Foreman Bob Youmans has done an excellent job keeping the department running effectively and efficiently.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Update is included in the Commissioner's Report. Commissioner Donahue reiterated that the holdup on the approval of the Master Plan is due to a need for The Town of Perinton to clearly identify parcels of Open Space versus designated Park Land. Commissioner Donahue has been working with the Commissioner of Public Works to review the property deeds to verify which category they fall in.

PERINTON PRIDE FUND UPDATE:

Board Member Kevin Ruster was unable to attend meeting. Commissioner Donahue provided a written report on the status of the fund.

2008 GOALS SUMMARY

The 2008 Goals and Responses were forwarded to Board Members prior to the meeting. Board member Dave Schaeffer recommended the removal of the words "Conservation Easement" in the goals, as that term relates to property owned by private citizens, not town property. Board Chairperson Al Chesonis recommended moving the quantitative summary table from the end of the responses, to the beginning, and adding remarks to indicate reasoning for goal carryover or non completion. In addition, Chair Chesonis recommended expanding on the response to Goal 3.1.

A Motion To Approve the 2008 Goals and Responses with the recommended amendments was presented by Board Member Steve Van Vreede, seconded by Board Member Mike Coppola. Passed Unanimously.

2009 GOALS

The 2009 Goals (draft version) were forwarded to the Board Members prior to the meeting. There were several recommendations made to the goals. Board member Dave Schaeffer recommended adding "Repair Boardwalk" to the goals for Whitebrook Nature Area. Board Chair Al Chesonis recommended deleting reference to the financial cost attached to Goal 3.11. He also recommended creating a new format to the goals, perhaps categorizing the goals, laying out a matrix for the goals and differentiating between Value Statements and Goals. Other Board members added comment regarding these suggestions. It was decided to table the approval of the 2009 Goals until the January 29th Advisory Board meeting.

AROUND THE TABLE

Commissioner Donahue asked the board to consider approval of the 2009 Advisory Board Meeting Master Calendar. A Motion to Approve the 2009 Recreation & Park Advisory Board Master Calendar was presented by Board member Steve Van Vreede, seconded by Board member Jayne LaFay. Calendar was approved unanimously.

Board member Jayne LaFay invited the High School Seniors in attendance to attend the next "Unplugged" event, scheduled for January 21, 7:00 pm at the Lions Den Teen Center. She also asked to be included in any planning of an outdoor movie in the Amphitheatre, or "Unplugged" events in the Amphitheatre.

Board member Mike Coppola thanked the High School seniors for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm by Board Chair Al Chesonis.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey D. Myers, CPRP
Recreation Director