

**PERINTON RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT**  
**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 26, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Vice Chair Mike Coppola, Advisory Board Members Jim Donahue, Paul Fioravanti, Cheryl Hanzlik, Commissioner of Recreation and Parks Jeff Myers, and Director of Parks Stacey Estrich.

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve the May 24, 2012 minutes by Board member Jim Donahue, seconded by Board member Cheryl Hanzlik; minutes approved.

**COMMISSIONER MYERS' REPORT**

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS**

The two week focus on the town's bicentennial has passed and overall it was an astounding success. The entire staff should feel a sense of pride, as they were heavily involved in the events. My appreciation and respect to all involved. As a grand finale to the Bicentennial, we will host a fireworks display immediately following the final Center Stage Concert on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**BUDGET PREPARATION**

I have completed a draft of the 2013 department budget. Mike Coppola, Jim Donahue and I reviewed it at length on Tuesday. We will discuss this later in the meeting.

**PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The Pedestrian Bridge being constructed over the Erie Canal, east of Turk Hill Road and connecting the RS&E Trail with the canal towpath is moving along nicely. The piers and supports are built, and the span is currently being built off-site. The spans are due to arrive August 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be assembled on a barge on the canal on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, and then lifted into place on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Once we receive a date of completion, the town will schedule a ribbon-cutting, and I will make sure all of you are invited.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

The deposit to the Supervisor for July was \$92,081.72. This amount is \$15,569.59 higher than July of 2011. This is the second month in a row of higher supervisor deposits, a trend we hope to continue. Our Supervisor deposits are down to \$37,224.54 behind income to date compared to last year.

**MID-YEAR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE**

Supervisor Smith has indicated that a limited amount of funds are available for mid-year equipment purchases. Parks Director Estrich has developed a list of potential pieces of equipment for purchase. I am also requesting a town vehicle for Recreation Director Riesenberger.

**DIRECTOR ESTRICH'S REPORT**

***Scott Allen and staff did a tremendous job while I was away getting everything accomplished from daily litter, softball field preparations to decorating floats and painting park amenities. A huge thanks to all Park Staff.***

**COMMUNITY PROJECTS/EVENTS**

The month of July was extremely busy with events from July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>, Summerfest. Parks staff prepared and worked events for Bicentennial to support Recreation staff as much as possible.

The Community Garden has Girl Scouts working with garden mentors every Saturday morning. Share the Harvest members are donating their time to coach the girl scouts in gardening methods and general know-how.

A Boy Scout troop from Geneva traveled along the Erie Canal by bike camping at Bushnell Basin. They had a wonderful time grilling, eating ice cream and washing up before traveling further on the canal. A Camping Policy is being considered for fall/ winter 2012-2013.

#### PARK OPERATIONS

Numerous sport camps were held during the month of July. Two Doug Miller Soccer Camps, Basketball, Softball, Ultimate Frisbee and other Recreation Sport Camps were successful even with hot / dry conditions.

Both private and recreation softball leagues are going strong with almost no cancelations in July; an exact opposite from last year. The Rochester Softball League held its second Perinton Park Tournament. Money raised is donated to the Parks Department for field improvements. We are hoping to be more involved with this Tournament in future years. (2011-\$200.00, 2012- \$500.00).

Installation of ball and burlap trees has been put on hold due to hot conditions. Installation will commence in August.

Playground mulch was applied to all existing playgrounds to increase safety surface heights. In addition, almost all of the parks have been mulched with Garnsey Arboretum remaining.

Mowing and trimming have decreased with weather conditions; however, insect issues are on the rise. We are having ant and bee concerns in many of our buildings and sand areas. At this time we have no athletic field damage due to insect or diseases but we are constantly monitoring. The athletic fields have been irrigated weekly/ daily but it has been a catch up game all summer.

#### EQUIPMENT

The Town has approved midyear purchases. The Parks Department has proposed a Toro Zero Turn 72" Mower, Kubota Utility Vehicle 4x4 and two Cub Cadet riding mowers for a total of just over \$35,500.00

### **DIRECTOR RIESENBERGER'S REPORT**

#### RECREATION PROGRAMS

##### RECTRAC

Summer registration is currently at \$269,516.75.  
There are 3,066 participants enrolled in 285 classes.

#### FACILITY USAGE

July totals as of 7/25: 21 reservations for a total of \$4,412.00.  
Year to Date 2012: 231 reservations for a total income of \$40,059.00

#### PROGRAM REVIEWS

##### CENTER STAGE

We have had 4 Center Stage Concerts so far this season. The first three coincided with the Bicentennial Celebration. We are off to a wonderful start. We have been receiving excellent feedback. The crowd for the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra was the largest ever at the amphitheater. We are hoping this generates excitement for the remainder of the concerts. The details for a fireworks display after the September 9 concert are being finalized with Young Explosives.

### Concerts

- July 1 Ruby Shooz - 4,000 in attendance  
July 8 The Bowties/Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra - 6,500 in attendance  
July 15 Bill Tiberio and Friends/Bill Welch Band – 1,700 in attendance  
Bill Welch Band has been performing at Summerfest over the past several years. The performance was excellent. The crowd really got into the music and they received a long standing ovation at the end of the show. They are being considered to return next season for a possible two hour show. The band Allegro (with Bill Tiberio) will play for Summerfest this year.  
July 22 78 RPM – 1,300 in attendance

### BICENTENNIAL EVENT REVIEWS

#### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

The Parks and Recreation Department assembled 2 floats for the parade this year. One float was decorated and carried the Perinton Town Board dressed in Bicentennial costumes. The other float displayed a large birthday cake and carried the Bicentennial Co-Chairs. The children in the Summer Playground program marched behind the floats dressed in red, white and blue and blew party horns along the way.

#### YOUTH DAY

A full day of fun activities for children of all ages took place on Saturday, July 7. The day began with a Youth for Youth Community Walk, which was dampened by a quick moving thunderstorm. A full truck load of food was collected and brought to the Perinton Food Shelf before everyone had to seek shelter. After the brief storm, the children were entertained by a dunk tank, pitching machine, face painting, Town seal tattoos, hair braiding and many old fashioned games and crafts. Tin punching was a big hit as Perinton youth were given a glimpse into the lives of their ancestors. Other highlights included a visit by Spike, the mascot for the Rochester Red Wings, and a Red Wing player, signing autographs. Ronnie Reitter, a Native American story teller from Ganondagan, Anne Meade's Animal Tracks identification exhibit, Leila Matthews from Dayton's Corners Old-Time School, Rich the Magic Man and a swing band concert by the Jitterbugs, were also scheduled events. Food vendors were on hand selling hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, ice cream and kettle corn. A sprinkler was also very popular for the children to beat the heat. These events were held from 9am – 4pm.

#### YOUTH DAY OUTDOOR UNPLUGGED

Five bands performed at the Fourth Annual Outdoor Unplugged program in the amphitheater. This followed the Youth Day activities at 6pm. An audience of 200 people attended the show. Music genres included pop, rock, blue grass and original compositions.

#### BICENTENNIAL GALA PICNIC

Another full afternoon of fun with games, contests, crafts, exhibits and music was planned for Saturday, July 14. The festivities were opened with an Antique Car Show in the upper parking lot of the Perinton Community Center. The Firemen's Water Ball competitions entertained onlookers at the lower level parking lot of the Town Hall. It was a very warm afternoon and the spray was a welcome relief. The Gala Picnic began at 4pm and a large tent in Center Park held fiddlers, a harmonica player, Gadgets the clown and a six-tiered birthday cake. The beautiful cake was decorated and donated by Amy Utzman from An Affair with Cake. Outside the tent, festival goers were able to try their skills at watermelon seed spitting, hog calling, a beard and mustache contest as well as a frozen t-shirt contest. Craft projects included: candle making, quilt squares, paper dolls, ball and cup and whirly gigs. There was bocce, horseshoes, badminton and croquet. Following the picnic, Pan Loco, a steel drum band, entertained in the amphitheater. This concert was donated by a Perinton resident who wishes to remain anonymous.

#### BICENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE

Supervisor Smith buried the time capsule in the garden in front of the Perinton Community Center on Sunday, July 15. The time capsule was donated by White Haven Memorial Park and holds

memorabilia from the many organizations that helped with the Bicentennial events. There is a stone marker, and the hope is that it will be opened in 50 years.

#### SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

The Summer Playground program has been going very well. The staff has done a great job keeping the children hydrated and safe during this very hot, dry summer. A representative from the Monroe County Department of Health came to inspect the sites on July 17. All sites passed inspection and we received positive feedback from the Health Department. The participants have been enjoying field trips to Pittsford Cinema, AMF Fairview Lanes and the Perinton Aquatic Center, as well as special speakers and events.

#### SKILL CAMPS

Despite the heat, skill camps in Soccer and Lacrosse have been running very smoothly. Registration for soccer has been down a bit. New supervisors for soccer this year are Jamie Zeller and Blake Smith, both coaches from Victor. It is interesting to note that at this time, it is difficult to get Fairport coaches to commit to filling openings in our skill camps. The numbers of registrants are good for the first week of Boys Lacrosse. Skill camps in Girls Basketball and the second session of Volleyball will end this month. Boys Basketball skill camp finished strong. This year's numbers are comparable to last summer. The addition of the new age category, 5 and 6 year olds, also had enough to run a successful program.

#### UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION GRANT

We applied for and received a grant from the USTA Grow the Game of Tennis. The first of two installments in the amount of \$3,845 has been deposited. This will help with supplies for our Mixed Seniors, Women's and Men's 18 and Over leagues, which are run by volunteers. Decisions are still being made on the remainder of the monies. This will also help with the money spent on the new Perinton Park tennis courts.

#### AQUATICS CENTER

We have added a Water Safety Instructor class to be held in August. A second set of swim lessons have completed and gone very well. Pool camp is currently running this week and the week of August 6, with very good numbers. Lifeguarding class is full with 15 participants, which will be taught the week of July 30. Victor Swim Club will be joining us in the fall starting in October, while their pool is being renovated. Rochester Dolphins synchronized swimmers will also be joining us in the fall. Interviewing for fall lifeguards is now taking place.

#### HILL CUMORAH VOLUNTEERS

A group of 20 plus actors from the Hill Cumorah Pageant volunteered their time on July 17 and 18 sprucing up the Community Center. They did this as a community service project. They did light indoor cleaning tasks in the Senior Center and around the building. They were a pleasure to meet and did a wonderful job. Recreation Advisory Board member, Dave Schaeffer arranged for their transportation and time along with Hill Cumorah coordinator, Melanie Chatterton. Their help was greatly appreciated and we would welcome them back next year.

#### AFTER SCHOOL FUN ZONE

We will be running an afterschool program for children in grades K-5 starting this school year. This will be run similar to our Detours program. There will be planned activities, arts and crafts, gym and outdoor play time as well as a snack. We will also be utilizing the Aquatics Center once a week. We are starting with a maximum of 25 children. Our hope is this will be a great way to bring children to our building and get them to enroll in our many programs. Bus transportation will be provided by the Fairport Central School District.

#### TEEN CENTER

Approximately 50 teens volunteer at the four Summer Playground sites during the six weeks the program is held. Teens also volunteered their time to help with the Bicentennial events, as well as with the Amphitheater Concert Series.

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The Men's Club is starting to see some new faces looking for something to keep them busy. They traveled to the Rochester Airport and had a very educational tour. There is a trip planned to Frontier Field on July 26, for a Red Wings game. The chicken and rib Luau was held on Tuesday, July 17. It is a big hit every year. Also, Christmas in July was held on Tuesday, July 24, complete with a white elephant gift exchange.

#### SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to give special thanks to all the staff from the Perinton Recreation and Parks Department who helped with the Bicentennial. This has been a collaborative effort of many people who dedicated countless hours making this a success. We were very fortunate to have the opportunity to plan and orchestrate such an event for the Town. We hope everyone had a wonderful time and took away many happy memories.

#### FALL 2012 BROCHURE

The fall 2012 brochure was mailed to residents on Friday, July 20. Registration begins on Monday, August 6.

#### MARKETING REPORT

Enclosed

#### BUDGET REVIEW

Commissioner Myers reviewed the Town of Perinton Recreation and Parks Department Budget Draft for 2013. In summary, the overall proposal represents a .08% increase from 2012. Income has shown a downward trend; which is attributed to lower reimbursement rates from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services grant, a decrease in interest earned and less discretionary spending funds available to families, due to the current economic climate. Jim Donahue reminded the board that it is advantageous to get the Special Rec portion of the proposed budget draft approved, but hope to not have to spend it. The final draft will be presented to the Town Board for approval.

#### AROUND THE TABLE

The children of Advisory Board member, Paul Fioravanti participated in and enjoyed the Youth Day events.

Director Estrich mentioned the Parks Department raised \$800 to donate to the family of Darin Mantell, who passed away unexpectedly in June. She also expressed her sincere thanks to Jeff and Diane for their continued support to her and the Parks Department during her maternity leave.

Director Myers reminded those present that the August meeting will begin with a picnic supper at 6pm in the Parks Operations Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8pm. The next Advisory Board meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 23, 2012 at the Parks Operations Center, 50 Cobbs Lane at 6:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie C. Kayser  
Secretary