

**PERINTON RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT**  
**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NOTES**  
**February 24, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Chair Al Chesonis, Advisory Board Members Dave Schaeffer, Stephen VanVreede, Commissioner of Recreation and Parks Jeff Myers, Director of Recreation Diane Riesenberger and Director of Parks Stacey Estrich.

**MINUTES:** Without a quorum, approval of the January 27, 2011 meeting minutes was tabled until the March 24, 2011 meeting.

**COMMISSIONER MYERS' REPORT**

**Full Time Clerical Position**

At last evening's Town Board meeting, Peppermill Drive resident, Margareth Hjemdahl Monsen (Maggie) was approved to serve as Office Clerk IV for the department. She will work the downstairs reception desk Monday through Thursday evening, and Friday during the day.

**Town Bicentennial Committee**

Planning for the Town's Bicentennial (2012) continues. As indicated before, many of the proposed activities will take place in and around Center Park. A Facebook page, specific to the bicentennial will be created, to keep people informed about the planned events.

**Town Wide Master Plan Update**

The Master Plan Update Committee continues to make progress toward finalizing the Master Plan. The Future Land Use Plan has been finalized. A Community Character Study was conducted within the Update Committee to determine desired physical design attributes. There are only a few more steps prior to the draft Perinton Comprehensive Plan Update being printed, presented to the residents at a Public Meeting, and then accepted.

**Financial Update**

The deposit to the Supervisor for February was \$73,149.15. This amount is \$9,225.11 less than February of 2010. We are still \$3,207.82 ahead of this time last year.

**Bushnell's Basin Dock Project**

The work on the Bushnell's Basin dock project and passive park is continuing. The parks department will be responsible for the cleaning of the restroom/shower facility and general maintenance around the park; such as mowing, trimming, garbage collection.

**PCC Janitorial Services**

Since we met with Eures Services Foreman, Milton Estevez, the appearance of the PCC has dramatically improved. We have received numerous compliments in the last month.

**Aquatic Facility Protocol Change**

We are moving forward with the switch from Ellis & Associates, to American Red Cross for our Aquatic Facility Safety Standards. E&A was moving their services more in line with outdoor water recreation areas, while ARC has been incorporating more indoor type facilities. Once the changeover has occurred, the town will incur less annual expenses, while safety standards will not diminish in any way.

**Youth Service Grant Funding**

As part of his budget proposal, the Governor has eliminated most of the annual funding for youth bureaus and agencies serving youth throughout the state. While this is just the Governor's proposal, and changes to the budget are expected before a final plan is adopted; some level of decrease in funding is anticipated. As the budget process continues, we will continue to monitor

the situation. Our annual amount received has been steadily decreasing for a number of years now, and this step was expected sooner or later.

### **Bob Ellis**

Bob has submitted his retirement paperwork, and will finish his full time career with us on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Bob started with the department in early June of 1979. He has indicated to us that he will return on a part time basis.

### **Town of Southport Site Visit**

Visitors from the Town of Southport (Elmira) were here on Friday to tour our community center. Their Town Supervisor and Recreation Supervisor were among the contingency. They are looking at the possibility of building a center for their community, and wanted to see what ours has to offer.

## **DIRECTOR ESTRICH'S REPORT**

### **Events and Community**

Some upcoming events we are working on for spring are listed below.

Arbor Day at Garnsey Arboretum on Saturday, April 30

Teen Center Mulching at Town Hall and Community Center on Saturday, May 8

DPW Recycling Days in Saturday, May 21

United Way Day of Caring is Wednesday, May 11

Relay for Life at Center Park is May, 21-22 (tent in place)

DPW Rabies Clinic Saturday, June 25

On February 9 a Pruning class was held for about 12 individuals. It was a great evening with tons of questions.

On Thursday February 17, Monroe County Parks held a public meeting to discuss a Master Plan for Powder Mills Park. Three park employees attended. The conversion was geared towards preservation of the historical and geological significance and mountain biking.

### **Operations**

The Village ice rink has been open a total of 74 days and closed for three days on January 1, February 18 and February 19 due to warm temperatures.

All fire alarms have been inspected and cleaned at the Parks Operations Building. The Lion's Den is next for inspection after this week's annual cleaning.

Musco Lighting Company repaired a lamp at Kreag Road Park we received error reports on via email. After replacing the fuse the lamp was still not working. Musco service division followed through and fixed the problem under their warranty program (25 year coverage).

As mentioned before, 3 new trucks are being ordered for the 2011 season. On February 3<sup>rd</sup> we put this internally on hold to look at a few options. By purchasing bare cab and chassis trucks from state contract and pricing body parts separately (lift gate, steel floor, landscape/ contractor sides, LED lights, back-up alarm and tarps) from several local vendors, we are able to save money. A \$7000.00 savings was discovered. I am pursuing some last minute changes to quotes and hoping to place final orders within a week.

The lower parking lot lights at Perinton Park were replaced by high efficiency bulbs (lamp heads). Fairport Electric reached out to us and included us on a large cost reduction purchase and installed them. They will also maintain these lights. The new lamps should use half the amount of energy.

Bob Ellis' retirement gathering is Friday, March 18 at White Brook from 4-7pm. The cost is \$20.00 for food and gift. The Parks Division will have a full time opening. After discussions with Jeff Myers, Scott Allen and Bob Ellis, the decision was made to promote Rob Cooper into an athletic field management roll and advertise for an entry level laborer position. Rob has great interest and knowledge in Perinton athletic, turf and pesticide responsibilities. Over the past year Rob has started learning more turf responsibilities and looks forward to this opportunity.

The Department of Justice released new 2010 Standards. This was released last fall but the true meaning was recently made aware to the public and private entities with space available to the general public. Jeff Myers and I are addressing several issues and forming a plan. Some of the items affected are playgrounds, accessible routes, trails, boating docks, fishing piers, swimming pools, and courts. This deadline is March 15, 2011 to demonstrate ADA compliance.

## **DIRECTOR RIESENBERGER'S REPORT**

### **RECREATION PROGRAMS**

#### Rectrac

Winter 2011 registration is currently at \$133,067.75  
There are 3,201 participants enrolled in 290 classes.

#### Facility Usage

February totals as of 2/22: 40 reservations for a total of \$5,283.00.

### **PROGRAM REVIEWS**

#### Pizza Parlor Poll

Nine pizza parlors entered this annual contest and pizza was enjoyed by 222 participants. Perinton Pizza was victorious by one vote over Mark's Pizzeria. Fat Jack's came in third and this was their first time as an entry. (Photo enclosed)

#### Father Daughter Valentine Ball

This annual event filled the room with 89 participants enjoying music, dancing and valentine treats. The event was featured in the Perinton Post (photos enclosed).

#### Schoolbreakers

This program is in session this week and the numbers are very good.

#### Center Stage

Kilbourn Jazz Quartet has been chosen as the RPO Brass replacement. We are waiting for the contract from this group. This year's lineup is a great mix of popular repeated groups and exciting new ones. Applied Audio has been confirmed as the sound vendor for \$1,350 a show. All sponsors have been confirmed with the exception of LeChase Construction. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28 to continue planning.

#### Community Garden

Another meeting was held on February 15 with a smaller group in attendance. Groups were formed and design ideas were discussed. In addition, the group worked on the mission statement and rules. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7 at 7pm.

#### Aquatics

Winter lessons are going well. We have seen an increase in our evening numbers. In addition, we are having a great number of patrons from Victor coming to take lessons. Birthday Splash party registration is going well. The drop in price for non-residents has been a big hit. The number of attendees in the Aquatic Center for January was the highest we have had since 2008.

## **Teen Center**

Julie Eble and Dave Dunn, Martha Brown School principal, represented CPAC (Chemical Prevention Advisory Council) at CADCA's (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) 21<sup>st</sup> Annual National Leadership Forum in Washington, DC with close to 2,800 people in attendance. They were able to hear from numerous dynamic speakers, such as the Surgeon General, the Assistant Secretary of Health and national experts in the areas of drug enforcement, education, mental health services and law enforcement. Mid-week they visited Capitol Hill with visits to the offices of Senator Schumer and Congressman Tom Reed.

### **Fifth Annual Teen Talent Show**

Following the Senior Center's Fat Tuesday Luncheon, 12 teens and 2 seniors entertained a large audience with their musical and vocal talent (program enclosed).

### **Polar Wave Snowtubing Field Trip**

A group of 40 teens spent today snow tubing in Batavia. This field trip is a highlight for students every year over February break.

### **Army Adoption Community Service Project**

As mentioned at last month's Advisory Board meeting, one of the focus topics of conversation with the Teen Advisory Board was ways to collect donations. In addition to the \$250 monetary donation and large amount of wish list items from Minerva Deland, a large box of items was collected and donated by the faculty, staff and students at Fairport High School.

### **Unplugged**

We had 60 in attendance for another very successful event. Many parents were also in the audience. Next Unplugged is scheduled for March 18.

## **Senior Center**

Exercise classes are increasing in popularity. This seems to be across the board for all types of fitness and is due to the return of the "snow birds". Schnacky Players presented "Heaven Help the Po'Taters". It was a great performance which was enjoyed by all. The Valentine's Day dinner and movie was a hit. We had 61 people enjoy a roast pork dinner and entertainment was provided by Karen LaBella. The movie matinee following was "Chocolat" with Johnny Depp. March calendar registration was February 22. We have had success with a number of programs we ran for the 55+ age category. Programs such as the Underground Railroad presentation, Bob Ross Painting and the Mid Day Matinee have had good showings. In the spring, we will be opening the Senior Lounge on Tuesday evenings for drop in cards and game night. We have purchased a Sjoelen game from Holland which is a type of tabletop shuffleboard. We will be setting this up on the Observation Deck for players on Tuesday evenings.

## **Miscellaneous**

The spring brochure will be mailed to residents on Friday, February 25. We have expanded the brochure to 48 pages from the usual 44 pages to include all of our spring programs.

### **Bids**

All recreation supplies on the bids have been ordered. Some equipment (soccer balls, Nok Hockey) has been delivered and payment made. We are in the process of finalizing replacing the soccer goals in Center Park East and West, and then they will be ordered.

### **Marketing**

The Post is now running a Community Events Calendar at the beginning of every month with a schedule of our major programs and events. They are also running a weekly Senior Event Calendar promoting our 55+ events.

Further incentives are being discussed for our fitness memberships to be advertized in the fall brochure. We would like to see a bonus for residents who bring in others to sign up for a membership. This "referral" program would possibly add another month to the patron's existing membership, etc.

### **AROUND THE TABLE**

Stacey Estrich mentioned that there was "great energy" at the Rec Center all week during the school break, especially in the aquatic center. What a perfect "photo opportunity" with so many people enjoying the pool!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. The next Advisory Board meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 24, 2011 at the Perinton Community Center in Room 211 at 7:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie C. Kayser  
Secretary