

PERINTON RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2015

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

NEW BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTION: Advisory Board Chair Al Chesonis and all board members and staff introduced themselves and welcomed new board member Jim Unckless to the Perinton Recreation and Parks Advisory Board. Jim Unckless kindly informed all present of his family, previous work and volunteer board activities; and expressed his interest in sharing his Crescent Trail Association knowledge with this board.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes by Board member Mike Coppola, seconded by Board member Cheryl Hanzlik, minutes approved.

COMMISSIONER MYERS' REPORT

LEISURE POOL REPAIRS

On Monday, February 9, we were able to reopen our lap pool at 6:00am for regular programming, and the leisure pool was reopened at 3:30pm, for open swim. The aquatic center was closed down for a total of 16 days. We located two leaks. One was in the surge tank of the leisure pool circulation system, at a point where a return pipe dumps water back into the surge tank. The second leak was a severely cracked high pressure pipe that fed the pull rope water dump, part of the "gizmos and gadgets". Once we determined the exact location of the crack in the pipe, we cut through the pool deck to check the sub-structure. Our findings indicated that there was no erosion of the sub surface as a result of the leaking water. We asked an architect that was involved in the design and construction of both phases of the community center project for his expert opinion regarding the erosion question, and after an on-site visit, he concurred that the sub structure had not been compromised.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Deposits to Supervisor in February was for the amount of \$80,091.39. This amount is \$8,517.90 less than February of 2014. We are now at \$21,720.66 below income compared to this time last year. Our received rentals and Center Stage sponsorships were higher at this point last year.

ATM

The approved ATM was delivered, installed and activated on Wednesday, February 18th. It has been placed next to the quilt display in the main lobby, across from the reception desk. The location was selected because it can be monitored by the building staff, and is in view of one of the security cameras.

CLOSED CIRCUIT TV MONITORING SYSTEM UPGRADE

I am awaiting an estimate to upgrade our closed circuit video monitoring system. I am hoping to upgrade to a newer, more efficient Central Processing Unit (CPU), and upgrading three outdoor cameras. The CPU was last upgraded in 2008.

COUNTY CHECK

The town just received a check from Monroe County. The check included the Youth Services Program support for 2014, in the amount of \$9,009.00, and payment for the 2012 and 2013 Community Development Block Grants. The Department of Public Works will take their portion of

the CDBG payments, for the work they provided. We will keep \$10,228.20 of the 2012 CDBG funds, and have it deposited into our Capital Reserve account.

NO TRESPASS ORDER

On January 30, 2015, I signed a No Trespass Order for a patron that we were able to see on our CCTV system stealing coats from two separate coat racks. The patron was a parent of a basketball player whose team was playing against Eastside Basketball. We followed some leads and were able to identify the woman. The MC Sheriff's Department delivered the No Trespass Order sometime between Monday and Wednesday, 2/2 and 2/4. The No Trespass Order is in effect for two years. It will be suspended when she has court appearances as a result of her arrest on the theft charges.

ARTICLE ON PERINTON PARK

Similar to the article that was distributed about Spring Lake Park, I am including an article on the history of Perinton Park. This article was written by Town Historian, Bill Poray.

DIRECTOR ESTRICH'S REPORT

TOWN BOARD APPROVALS

Wednesday, February 25, the 2015 equipment purchases and new swing set for Egypt Park were approved for purchase. The equipment includes a Bobcat with trailer, shop lift (14,000# capacity) and a Toro zero turn mower (72 inch deck).

VEHICLES

The 2015 Ford Transit, purchased in 2014, finally arrived. Robert Van Camp and Dillon Dayton are custom fitting additional storage racks. This fleet vehicle will carry our smaller generator which swings out in order to ventilate properly. The transit vehicle will safely and neatly hold all tools necessary to perform basic to unusual repairs in Town parks.

The constant use of equipment for snow removal has taken one of our plows and Volvo loader out of service. The Volvo loader has been repaired and back in service. The plow is still being worked on.

The initial passenger bus quote, on NYS contract, was received recently. The document is being reviewed by staff before submitting for a final quote and graphics. Figures are under estimated costs of roughly \$47,000.00.

BUILDINGS

Upon investigation of a tripped alarm, an unknown person had a key to the Perinton Park building. This was confirmed via footprints left in the snow and restroom. Our locksmith was notified immediately and all locks have been upgraded and new keys assigned to Town staff.

STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Most of the full time staff attended the local Genesee Valley Finger Lakes Landscape and Nursery Association in Henrietta, NY. This annual one day conference had about 150 in attendance. Staff members from local towns and schools came to hear Bill Deacon, Manager of Field Operations for the NY Mets, speak about field maintenance. The day also included a very well known plant enthusiast, Alan Armitage from the University of Georgia. A speaker and professor I have read about for years and never met until now.

Mike Lioudis attended the Monroe County Cornell Extension 30 hour pesticide course, studied and passed the exam this week. Congratulations Mike!

Six park staff attended the AED/CPR class held on Friday, February 13. Their certification is good for two years.

TRAILS

A meeting occurred with the owner of the property adjacent to the town open space, Indian Hill. A logging agreement was made by him and a private logger. Many of the tops of the trees were left covering the trails. The tree tops are slowly being removed and cut up for firewood by a private person. No further logging will occur unless a forest management plan is submitted to the Town for review and approval. Even though this is private property, the Town owns Development Rights, giving us the authority to regulate such land disturbance. Further inspections will be conducted in the spring to begin the list of repair work that will be accomplished for safe trail use. The property owner is in agreement with the continued use of trails and looks forward to making sure this is corrected.

DIRECTOR RIESENBERGER'S REPORT

RECTRAC

Winter 2015 registration is currently at \$142,146.00.
There are 2,816 participants enrolled in 406 classes.
Winter 2014 at this time \$150,366.00.

FACILITY USAGE

February 2015 totals: 47 reservations for a total of \$3,360.00.
Year to Date 2015: 88 reservations for a total income of \$6,807.00.
Year to Date 2014: \$11,463.00.

PROGRAM REVIEWS

FATHER SON SPORTS NIGHT

This event held on Friday, February 6 had 56 in attendance. The event was to include time in the Aquatic Center. More time in the full gym allowed for playing additional high energy games. Gym time was followed by eating pizza and cookies. Everyone had a great time. Participants were given pool passes to return at a later date. There was also a raffle to win prizes.

FATHER DAUGHTER VALENTINE PARTY

The event held on Saturday, February 14 was a success. Despite the weather outside, participants enjoyed a memorable afternoon inside filled with dancing, fun, food and a picture frame craft. Drawings for special prizes and a decorative photo op area were also added. There were 64 in attendance.

SCHOOLBREAKERS

Winter Recess Schoolbreakers was held February 17 – February 20. Deputy Bridget Davis from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department was a guest speaker on February 18. The program had a net income of \$1,046.00.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Planning is well underway for the 2015 Summer Playground program. Sites this year include; Fellows Road Park, Potter Park, Jefferson Avenue School and Dudley School (which will also host the Better Together program). The program will run from June 29 – August 7. An additional two week session will run at Fellows Road Park thru August 21.

PERINTON BIKE RODEO

Our first Bike Rodeo will take place on Saturday, May 30. Several groups have shown interest in becoming involved. Groups that have committed to join are Liberty Mutual (main sponsor), RV&E Bike Shop, R-Community Bikes, Fairport Lions and our own Drop-In Bicycle program members. This community wide event will promote fun and safety for the cycling season and is being offered at no charge.

ROCHESTER RHINOS

Like the Rochester Americans Game offer, we will be offering a discount rate to a Rochester Rhinos game on Saturday, July 18. Tickets will be \$10.00 each and we will recoup \$5.00 per ticket. We will also be offering the Youth Soccer Pro Pass to all spring Youth Soccer participants. This will allow our Youth Soccer players to obtain a season ticket for just \$10.00. Perinton Recreation will again recoup \$5.00 per Pro Pass sold.

STORY WALK

In conjunction with the Fairport Area Branch of the American Association of University Women, our indoor Story Walk this month features the book "Pip and Posy: The Snowy Day" by Axel Scheffer. Story Walk participants are encouraged to give feedback after they read the story.

AQUATICS

The Perinton Aquatics Center reopened on Monday, February 9 after being closed for 16 days. It was a great relief to have discovered the cause of the water loss and to resume business as usual. The Lap Pool opened at 6:00am for lap swimmers and regular programming and the Leisure Pool opened at 3:30pm for Open Swim until 9:00pm. We offered Open Swim for \$1.00 to all participants as a token of our appreciation for everyone's patience and inconvenience. We were very grateful to the Eastside YMCA for allowing our lap swimmers and water walkers to use their facility. In addition, our sincere gratitude to the Fairport Central School District for allowing us the use of the Minerva Deland School for Saturday group lessons (exception of Waterbabies) on Saturday, January 31 and Saturday, February 7. A make-up for the one day missed will be on Saturday, March 28. Waterbabies on Saturdays were postponed and all participants were issued 3 classes worth of refunds. The remainder of our group lessons (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays) received 2 classes worth of refunds. Winter 2015 group lessons went down to 407 registered participants from 420. We granted people the option to completely withdraw from the program, if desired, because of the pool closure. There are currently 118 enrolled in our private lessons. Private lessons and Water Aerobics also received refunds according to the number of classes missed. A special thank you to clerical staff Stephanie Kayser and Maureen Holland for all their assistance processing refunds due to the pool closing. Masters practice normally held here in the morning was moved to the Victor High School pool. Masters practices held here at night were cancelled. February break week was slower than normal but everything ran smoothly. Splash Parties continue to be very popular. Due to the closing of the Aquatic Center, we did refund for parties that were not able to be held. Splash Parties that were held in February: Friday nights – 3 parties (\$655), Saturdays - 13 parties (\$2,200), Sundays – 4 parties (\$660). Lorrie Mihaljevic has been hired as a new water aerobics instructor for the spring.

TEEN CENTER

The first Unplugged of the New Year was held on Friday, January 30. There were 7 performers and 40 people in attendance. The next one is scheduled for Friday, April 10. Saturday Activity Night remains popular with an average of 25 each evening. The Teen Center was closed during February recess.

55+

Breakfast on the Deck was held on February 5. We had a full house. The Sweetheart Dinner Dance on February 10 featured Tom and Tony, the Gentlemen of Song. They performed many dance tunes along with Frank Sinatra melodies. Our chef Barb served a delicious Italian feast. February 11 was the Sweetheart Queen's Tea featuring Karen LaBella. Karen is a favorite and she entertained everyone with her guitar and love songs. A group traveled to Monsignor Schnacky's Community Center in Mendon for the play "Grins, Tunes and Hookworm's Rooms" on Thursday, February 12. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment along with wine and refreshments. On Thursday, February 19 a representative from Lifespan was here to discuss Medicare and the changes that are coming. Ron Brandwein was the speaker. His main purpose is to inform and protect seniors. The Library Series continues to grow. Thailand was the subject on Tuesday, February 17. A talk on "Protecting Your Personal Safety" on February 23 featured guest speaker

Deputy Bridget Davis from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. She presented a talk on how you can protect yourself from phone, computer and mail scams.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

On Wednesday, February 11; Jeff Nutting, Laura Silins, Matt Steffen, Diana Weber, Tom Winslow Diane Riesenberger and Jeff Myers attended the GVRPS Western NY Regional Conference at SUNY Brockport. They attended sessions on Importance of Play, Collaboration of Youth Boards, Roundtable on Internships and Networking and Achieving Sponsorship Excellence.

Interviews are being conducted for a weekend part time clerical position. We posted the position on Facebook and Craigslist and got a favorable response.

Spring registration begins on Monday, March 9. An information table is being set up in the lobby for patrons to get a preview of programs and events being offered.

E-NEWSLETTER

Will be sent on Friday, February 27.

MARKETING REPORT

Enclosed. Our February 6 Facebook posting on when the Aquatic Center would reopen reached 8,984 people.

AROUND THE TABLE

Chair Chesonis suggested marketing to local businesses in the area to utilize the PCC during downtimes for team building activities such as pickleball. In response to his recommendation on holding a Tuff Mudder for Families; Director Estrich stated there are plans already underway for a Rec Relay.

New board member Jim Unckless reminded staff and members of upcoming Crescent Trail hikes and also mentioned there have been some new volunteers recruited as the result of information on the Association in the Rec brochure.

Happy birthday wishes were extended to board members Mike Coppola and Cheryl Hanzlik.

Director Riesenberger informed all present that the staff is busy preparing the summer brochure with many new and interesting ideas. They pride themselves on being "ahead of the curve" on recreation opportunities offered to the community.

Director Estrich stated how she is looking forward to working with Jim Unckless more than she has in the past. Stacey also complimented Diane and her staff on the way the aquatics situation was handled.

Jeff Myers, Stacey Estrich and Jeff Nutting will be taking a Civil Service Exam this Saturday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm. The next Advisory Board meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Perinton Community Center in Room 211.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie C. Kayser
Secretary