

**Recreation and Parks Advisory Board
Thomas Farm Community Center
July 26, 2018
Board Meeting Minutes**

PRESENT: Board Members: George Sushinsky, Tom Lynch, Rob Harriman, Xiao-Feng Xie, Kent Wong, Dirk Whatley II, Chip Boylan, Bob Taylor
Staff: Tim Chesnutt, Karla Sheehi, Nia Smith
Citizens: None

Meeting commencement: 7:02 pm

Re: Approval of May Minutes

George and Tom pointed out two corrections that needed to be made. The minutes were approved as amended.

Re: Citizens Forum

No citizens in attendance

Re: Highlights at Hosting Facility- Thomas Farm Community Center

Facility Assistant Supervisor, Nia Smith, shared the following highlights:

- Thomas Farm's summer camps just wrapped up. The Theme was "Travel the Globe" The team made a cardboard airplane that the kids got in and pretended to fly to different countries every day.
- Thomas Farm supported Summer Playgrounds, Camps and Teens on the Go by hosting some of their summer programs at their facility.
- The gymnasium floor was replaced in April and the center has received great feedback.
- A new scoreboard for the gym was recently purchased.
- A new TV will be purchased for the activity room which is used by teen to come in and do homework, play video games and simply hang out with other teens.
- Thomas Farm currently has over one thousand members. This includes fitness members. This however does not include drop ins, which they get 5 to 10 drops ins per day. These individuals eventually become members.

Re: Staff Reports

- **Summer Camps and Playgrounds**
Camp season is coming to an end. We are happy to say that it was a good season.
- **Twilight Run**
Took place July 21. We had over 550 registered, only about 230 showed for the run due to the weather.

- **Hometown Holidays**

The parking lot where the kid's rides are set up during HTH, will be under development in May of 2019. The smaller parking lot where the Beach Stage is setup will still be available for 2019 but that will be the last year we can use it as it will also be under development. Discussions are underway on options for the relocation of the stage and overall options where to relocate the HTH event to. A meeting with Mayor and Council will take place in September to review and discuss the options.

Re: Subcommittee Reports

a) **Youth Standing Committee Report** – None

b) **Community Centers and Parks** - None

c) **Glenview Mansion** - None

d) **Recreation and Parks Foundation** – (Chip)

October 10, is the Foundation's 10th anniversary celebration at Croydon Creek Nature Center.

The Foundation has formalized a process with a form as a tool for R&P staff to use to submit a request for funding for specific program or facility use. The Foundation has two yearly reviews to discuss and determine where the funds will be awarded.

e) **RedGate** – (None)

George played at the course in May and it was like a dessert. The greens were nice as they were watered. The pond is very low. The grounds keeper for RedGate is no longer with them.

f) **Swim & Fitness Center** – (Bob)

In Bob's absence, Chip went to the staff appreciation event at the Swim Center. It's a nice event where management gathers with staff and provide food in appreciation for all of their hard work.

g) **Sports and Fitness** – (None)

Re: Old Business/New Business

New Business:

Chip brought up that volunteers who are under facility "sub committees" also put in their time and provide input about what citizens are recommending. These individuals should be mentioned somewhere on our website. The City Webpage is currently being restructured. R&P will bring this suggestion to the Public Information Office.

Re: Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

The next meeting: Thursday, September 27, 2018 at Elwood Smith Community Center.

There will not be a meeting in August