

Minutes
Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Advisory Board
Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 7:00p.m.
Leo Mahany/Harold Meininger Senior Community Center
Game Room
3500 Marais
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Meeting called to Order 7:00 PM

Members Present: Michael Lawrence, Commissioner Melanie Macey, Hannah Holiday, Perry Abbey, Susan Wells, Samantha Grant

Also, Present: John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation, Yolanda Botello, Senior Center Coordinator

Members Absent: Aaron Filipski, Director of Public Works and Recreation,

I. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Susan Wells, 2nd by Michael Lawrence, unanimously passed,

II. **City Commission Comments:**

Rebecca is no longer on the board; she has been elected to the city commission. Monica Hunt, Amanda Hartzog and Mayor Michael Fournier are all voted in. Resignation of City Manager, looking for a new city manager. Current Deputy City Manager will be stepping into the role.

III. **Public Comment:**

Kasey Green – 20 year resident, family utilizes John Lindell Ice Arena. Growing concern, about current state and long-term future on the arena. Hopes to work with the city and current contract manager, to help improve the conditions of the ice arena. Need to have a proactive plan. Seen conditions declining. Among chief concerns, flooded locker rooms, chipped paint, warped dasher-boards, concession area shut down, filthy showers. The rink needs improvements. Start a raising awareness now but also want to help. Want to work together.

Rocky Shattuck – Royal Oak Leprechauns, believe we are bringing opportunities to the city outside of baseball, ie hospitality, broadcasting etc. Put in a \$500,000 investment. Memorial Park is tired, built in 1939. Want to send a message to help improve the facility. In 2024, partnering

with the ROSL for use of the concession. \$5,000 contract paying ROSL to run the concession for ROSL games and Leprechauns. Help during operational standpoint, i.e. All-Star game etc. Doesn't think we are spending the money we should be spending in our parks. Wants to advocate for our parks.

Janice Wagman – At city hall today, gentleman has renewed dog park permit and the gentleman said park is doing much better. Advocate indoor fitness equipment. Provide activities and not focus much on being a rental hall.

End Public Comment

IV. **Business:**

a. Royal Oak Golf Center

- Glenn Pulice – General Manager presents proposal to increase driving range bucket prices. Brings in 100,000+ buckets annually.
 - \$1.00 increase medium, large and \$.50 for small buckets
 - No increase for warm up buckets
 - Continue military and senior discount of \$2.00.
 - No increases in Adventure Golf rates

-Designated Top 50 driving range companies in the country

- Commissioner Macey asks a question regarding the contract and the amount received in a lease payment from the golf center

- John states that the golf center pays 12% of revenue up to \$400,000 with a minimum annual lease of \$40,000 and an additional 3% of revenue after \$400,000.

- Sarah asks why this is not a part of Recreation's Revenue and a part of the General Fund.

- John states that he does not have an answer to it but it was requested previously that the revenues go to the Recreation Department

- Sarah asks if they've considered offering residents and non-resident rates.

- Glenn says that it hasn't been brought up but it's not within contract unlike other city contracts.

- Perry Abbey – likes the idea of having a resident and non-resident fee.

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- Glenn is open to the idea once contract is up
- Motion by Perry Abbey to approve recommended price increases as stated in Glenn's letter, 2nd by Hannah Holiday, unanimously passed.

b. Senior Center Report

- Working on getting a new fridge and freezer. They died on staff.

- Medicaid/ Medicare assistance program assisted 44 people in 100 hours of counseling.
- AARP Tax season kicking off next month, help royal oak residents and non residents save \$70k last year. Adding evening days
- Veterans Day lunch on Nov. 3. Free lunch to over 30 veterans.
- Indoor Fitness equipment – 373 patrons that took a fitness class only 3 under age of 55. Revenue in room identified \$1,075 for the month. Fees varied, willing to pay \$10/month or \$100 annually. Clawson charges \$7/month, Sterling Heights charges \$32 non residents, \$16 residents, yearly drop in for all classes resident fee. St. Clair Shores \$50 annually. Some have waivers signed, some don't, some do orientation first. Estimates for equipment \$61k 3 treadmills, recombinant stepper, bike, recombinant bike, leg extension, leg curl, leg press, dumbbell set, kettlebell sets, two flat benches, adjust bench, storage, chest press., does not include flooring because re-doing flooring. None of them are staffed, one place has a camera in area. Some centers check out key fobs at desk, 45-minute window. Most are open to 9 am to 7 pm.

-Sarah this seems like something that can be funded through grants.

c. Capital Project Review

John explains the list of Capital Projects proposed by the Recreation Department and asks the board to rank each project 1 – X so it will help in budget discussion the importance of each project.

d. Staff Report

V. Items not on the Agenda

Put on agenda have city attorney present to board.

Put on agenda to have next meetings at the golf center.

Sarah asks for more rocks at the dog park parking lot

Sarah thanks Michael Lawrence, Rebecca Cheezum and Joseph Vukich for their service on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

VI. Upcoming Events

Toys for Tots Cornhole Tournament-
Saturday December 9th 10 am

Next Meeting: January 4, 2024

Adjourn: Motion by Hannah Holiday , 2nd by Susan Wells , passed 9:05 pm unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted,

John Fedele

John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation

Approved,

Samantha Grant

Secretary, Samantha Grant