

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center.

Mark Dickerson opened the Park Board Meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Kathy Endorf, Judy Mantych, Tina Swindle, Dave Cross and Mark Dickerson; Director of Parks and Recreation

Absent: Jane Davis and Alderman Don Merz

Mark Dickerson asked if everyone received the Minutes for the February Park Board Meeting and they were accepted as presented.

Mark introduced Loretha Cain responsible for Admissions at Bellefontaine Gardens to the Park Board members and a discussion followed concerning the responsibilities of the Park Board members. Mark explained we do different activities all the time and the Park Board members assist with them. Mark mentioned we've been working with architecture firms for the last two years on different plans for the renovation at Bissell Hills Park. We finally got the money to go ahead with our plans. So far the City has removed the ball fields, backstops, dugouts and tennis courts, we'll be leaving the rock. The next step will be tearing the roof off the building, breaking everything up and hauling it away. Ameren came by and removed the meter but the hook up has asbestos on it. All we have left is the building and some of the walkway by the Parking area. A discussion followed.

A discussion followed concerning the mailing of the Spring Brochure. Dave asked if it was more or less than when the scouts delivered them? Mark reported the cost of mailing was \$60.00 less than we were paying. A discussion followed concerning combining the two brochures. Mark reported I think the Summer Brochures will go out on Wednesday the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. I let City Hall know we will need all of their information by April 10<sup>th</sup>. A discussion followed.

A discussion followed concerning the Nature Fishing program for kids. The first date is set for Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. A discussion followed concerning the dates for the other three lessons in June and July. Mark asked Dave and Kathy if they had any conflicts and Dave said he didn't. Kathy said she'll be gone the last two weekends of June. As of now the scheduled dates will be May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>. A discussion followed concerning the fishing poles that are available for checkout, use and return to the Recreation Center. The problem is when they bring them back the reels are tangled up so when the next person checks one out the reels won't cast. Mark mentioned if someone turns one in that's knotted up we can call and get replacements. I made a Hold Harmless sheet because if I'm giving the poles out and a kid is injured I don't want them to come after us. A discussion followed.

Mark reported the Mayor's Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> if anyone is available to help. A discussion followed.

Mark reported looking into Pickle Ball and told Kathy if she wants to try it I can do a layout in the gym. Kathy mentioned she will be taking lessons starting April 7<sup>th</sup>. A discussion followed. Mark reported the court is 20 x 44'. Mark said we can put tape on the lines in, put a line down the middle and I can probably get a cheap kit to start out. Dave asked what Pickle Ball is and Kathy and Mark explained its Ping Pong and Badminton put together, played with a Wiffle Ball and a small wood racquet. A discussion followed. Kathy said she's taking a class to learn all the rules. Mark mentioned it's been popular in West County for 5 years.

Mark reported hiring a new bus driver so we no longer have to use our maintenance employees. I also found someone to cut grass. He has his own equipment and has been in the lawn business for years. He will be working part time doing maintenance on our equipment and cutting grass.

Mark mentioned we have a lot of work to do on the outdoor pool as soon as the weather is decent.

Mark reported the Trash Bash clean up day is this Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m. A discussion followed. We are expecting 40 to 50 people. Mark mentioned after we collect the trash we have to take it to the Chain of Rocks Bridge to drop it off.

The Easter Egg Hunt and Arbor Day will be held on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Mark mentioned we'll be fairly busy the next two Saturdays.

Tina Swindle asked if we would ever host an overnight event and Mark said we had one about 15 to 20 years ago. A discussion followed. Mark said that is something we would probably have to take to the Board of Alderman. Tina said this would probably be 15 to 18 year olds. Mark said since this is a group and if there are residents involved I think it might be possible. We may want to discuss it for next year. If they definitely want us to consider this we'll need a little more information on the Teachers or Parents who will be here, what they have planned and what they'll need. Then we can discuss it and take it to the Board of Alderman and we'll go from there. A discussion followed.

Judy Mantych reported seeing something today for a tour and I thought Amy may be interested. It's the Magic Chef Mansion on Russell at 44 and Grand area. The fee is \$15.00 per person for a group of 15 to 17 people. The Mansion was built in the 1890's and has been renovated to look the same as it did then. Judy asked how many Amy can take and Mark said 16 unless someone is in a wheelchair. Judy mentioned the fee is \$250.00 for 17 or more. A discussion followed.

The Park Board Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The next Park Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Please notify the Recreation Center staff by calling 867-0700 if you are unable to attend.

**Bellefontaine Neighbors  
Recreation Center Participation**

**March 2018**

Gameroom:	34
Room # 101:	550
Room # 109:	222
Swimmers:	1,245
Gym Use:	612
Racquetball	
# of hours:	11
# of players:	52
Weight Room:	537
<b>Total Participation:</b>	<b>3,263</b>

## **Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center Monthly Totals**

Date: March 2018

Weight Room	\$162.00
Gym Classes	\$908.50
Racquetball	\$108.00
Swim Fees	\$1,341.00
Swim Lessons	\$5,546.73
Room Reservations	\$1,230.00
Park Reservations	\$360.00
Swim Team	\$1,930.75
Van Donation	\$0.00
Snack Bar/Soda	\$438.00
Gym User Fee	\$204.00
I.D. Card/Passes	\$1,440.00
Special Events	\$1,984.00
Miscellaneous	\$11.40
Miniature Golf	\$20.00
Locker Rental	\$ 95.50
Wash Account	\$ (20.00)
Total	\$15,759.88

Check	\$ 3,855.17
Cash	\$ 5,219.61
Visa/MC	\$ 6,249.35
Amex/Disc.	\$ 435.75
Total	\$ 15,759.88

**City of Bellefontaine Neighbors  
Transportation Service Monthly Report  
March 2018**

Medical Appointments	74
Grocery Shopping ( Schnucks, Aldi's, Shop n Save & Riverview Dairy)	39
Banking -US Bank, Regions & Commerce	9
Target/Family Dollar / K-Mart	6
Pharmacy Trips	8
Hair Appointments (Bissell, Masters Touch)	8
Recreation Center (Meetings & Classes)	13
Viet' Thai (3/13)	5
Taxes	3
Post Office/License Office	3
Church Meeting	5
Library	1
Walmart/Home Depot	6
Boost Mobile	1
City Hall	2
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Total Participation	183
Total Number of Residents	44
Total Donations	\$0.00