

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center.

Mark Dickerson opened the Park Board Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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

Absent: Jane Davis and Alderman Don Merz

A discussion was held concerning the approval of the plans for Bissell Hills Park. They are working on permits and the approval of MSD, Electrical and Plumbing Permits. A discussion followed. Mark stated we should see some action by this time next month.

Mark reported the Beer & Wine Event went well. We had 20 to 25 people including a lot of new attendees and we made a profit of \$50.00. A discussion followed.

Mark reported Peggy Vassallo's husband wants to put a bench in front of City Hall in her honor and the Mayor took it to the Beautification and Park Boards. The original benches are on pavers and were put in by the Beautification Committee 15 years ago. Her husband suggested taking out the old benches and installing the new one. We had the Monday morning meeting with Jim Vassallo, the Mayor, Jenny Stewart and Mark Dickerson and it was decided to put in a new pad and bench and leave the Beautification Board pad and bench alone. A discussion followed. Jenny Stewart with the Beautification Committee would like to move Howard Gallions' stone and plant a tree between the Recreation Center and City Halls parking lots. Howard's stone on the Recreation Center side and Peggy's bench on the City Hall side of the parking lot. A discussion followed.

Mark reported this week we have 38 for the Halloween Dinner tomorrow and the Youth Commission Halloween Night is on Friday.

A discussion followed concerning the current fees charged for the weight room. The first family member pays \$5.00 for their I.D. Card and \$50.00 for the weight room pass and it's valid for one year. Any additional family members pay \$5.00 for the I.D. Card and \$20.00 for the weight room pass. The minimum age is 15 years with a signed Parental Release. The non-resident Weight Room Pass is \$135.00 for one year and they must be 55 years of age or older. Martha Snead suggested lowering the ages for the non-resident passes to 45 -50. A discussion followed concerning the Recreation Center Pool not comparing to a lot of the other Cities that have water parks. Our non- resident Swim Pass is \$135.00 for ages 18 and over. It was suggested to raise the price of passes except for seniors. A discussion followed on trying to increase the participation for the pool as well as bringing in more revenue. Martha mentioned 75% of swim lesson participation are non-residents and suggested raising the Swim lesson fees. The swim lesson session is six weeks. Residents pay \$20.00 per session and non-residents pay \$26.00 per session. We could consider raising the resident fee to \$24.00 and the non-resident fee to \$32.00. Other fees were discussed.

A discussion followed concerning the donations we received in the past for the Senior Bus Service.

A discussion followed concerning our goal to bring in more money. Our residents just have to purchase their \$5.00 card. It's good for a year and they don't have to pay to play basketball. The guest fee is \$5.00 and they must be accompanied by a resident. We could consider issuing a non-resident card for \$10.00 and charging \$5.00 each visit or \$60.00 for an annual pass with no guest privileges. A discussion followed.

A discussion followed concerning swim fees. Martha mentioned we want more people to use the pool. We've been trying hard to get more participation. Adult time is from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and we had 15 people one day. A discussion followed. Martha mentioned one way to bring in more revenue would be to raise the non-resident fee.

Martha mentioned we need more participation in our exercise classes. The participation for the Water Exercise Classes is down. Most of the participants have gotten older and either moved away or died. We're trying to raise the class session fee. The residents currently pay \$2.25 per class and non-residents pay \$2.75 per class when they sign up for the session. We will be raising the resident fee to \$2.50 per class and non-resident fee to \$3.00 per class for the session. A discussion followed including punch cards for the Pay As You Go classes. It was mentioned to increase the room reservation deposit from \$25.00 to \$50.00 and if they don't clean it up we'll keep it. And the room reservation fees from \$60.00 to \$70.00 for Room #109 and \$70.00 to \$80.00 for Room #101. A discussion followed. Martha mentioned there should be a bigger gap in fees for residents and non-residents for the water exercise classes and asked if we can get it in the next brochure. A discussion followed. Mark stated we will put the new fees on the sheet to look at for the next meeting.

Mark mentioned Trinity would like to use the Recreation Center for an overnight lock-in for the senior Class on Saturday, May 18, 2019 for approximately 90, 17 & 18 year olds. This has never been done before. A discussion was held and the Board felt we needed more information to make a decision.

The Park Board Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

The next Park Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center. Please notify the Recreation Center Staff by calling 867-0700 if you are unable to attend.

**Bellefontaine Neighbors
Recreation Center Participation**

October 2018

Gameroom:	34
Room # 101:	458
Room # 109:	348
Swimmers:	1,621
Gym Use:	574
Racquetball	
# of hours:	2
# of players:	9
Weight Room:	544
Total Participation:	3,590

Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center Monthly Totals

Date: October 2018

Weight Room	\$72.00
Gym Classes	\$638.50
Racquetball	\$5.00
Swim Fees	\$81.00
Swim Lessons	\$1,629.00
Room Reservations	\$1,590.00
Park Reservations	\$100.00
Swim Team	\$11.25
Van Donation	\$0.00
Snack Bar	\$255.50
Gym User Fee	\$40.00
I.D. Card/Passes	\$1,570.00
Special Events	\$1,210.63
Miscellaneous	\$917.73
Miniature Golf	\$0.00
Locker Rental	\$ -
Wash Account	\$ -
Total	\$8,120.61
Check	2,040.86
Cash	3,425.75
Visa/MC	2,654.00
Amex/Disc.	8,120.61

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

Medical Appointments	113
Grocery Shopping (Schnucks, Aldi's, Shop n Save)	27
Banking -US Bank, Regions & Commerce	5
Target/Family Dollar / K-Mart	4
Pharmacy Trips	9
Hair Appointments (Bissell, Shear Perfection)	3
Recreation Center (Meetings & Classes)	25
Cracker Barrel (10/9)	8
Post Office/License Office	4
Walmart (10/22)	3
Church Meeting	6
Library	1

Total Participation	208
Total Number of Residents	42
Total Donations	\$0.00