

City of Bellefontaine Neighbors

Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board

Tuesday October 20, 2020

Members Present: Dave Cross, Kathy Endorf, Judy Mantych, Tina Fichter

Members Absent: -

Staff Member(s): Martha Snead

Guests: -

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in Room 109 at the Recreation Center.

Martha Snead opened the meeting and confirmed that all members had received the minutes and reports from the previous month. There were no questions or corrections.

The following information was shared by Martha concerning the Parks and Recreation Department:

*The Parks Maintenance Staff will be winterizing the parks with restrooms/water on Thursday Oct. 22 as all reservations are complete.

*Update on the trash situation at the Parks and the number of trash cans provided. The trash cans seem to be adequate, but any trash left in the park has the potential to be strewn throughout by wind or animals.

Bissell Park: Shelter-2 Playground-2 Restrooms-1

St. Cyr Park: Shelter-3

Tanglewood Park: Shelter-3 Restrooms-1

*The Water main break on the east side of Recreation Center building has been repaired. Only one fitness class was affected and will be rescheduled.

*Amy Mulholland met with Joe Raben from the Building Dept. and Clayton Klein the City Engineer about the roof over the gymnasium. They hope to have it repaired before the winter. Dave Cross inquired as to the age of the roof and when it was last repaired. That information was not know by the group.

New Business Discussed:

Martha asked the opinion of the Board concerning the split rail fencing at Tanglewood Park. Over the years, sections of it have been damaged and replaced and just recently a car ran through the fence and up the hill into the park. A discussion was held as to what barriers can be put in place to provide for the safety of those using the park as well as the preservation of our playground equipment, shelter, restrooms and fencing. It was agreed that the barriers must be aesthetically pleasing and complimentary to the design of the park. They were informed that the Department had looked into

large boulders to place along the street side of the park but they were quite costly. Judy Mantych suggested contacting AAA Materials to see if they had other options. Dave Cross suggested that concrete posts covered with reflective tape or paint for night time visibility would be a good option to place between the easement and the fence. The Board agreed that this was a good option and would be practical for our Parks Maintenance staff to put into the ground. Kathy Endorf mentioned that there are similar barriers at businesses and cemeteries in the area.

Tina Fichter asked about the status of the outdoor pool. It was explained that the plan was to move ahead with necessary repairs in anticipation of opening for the 2021 summer season.

The Passport to the Arts Program has rescheduled their Zoom call for Thursday October 22.

The Board spent a majority of the meeting evaluating the responses to the Transportation Survey which had been randomly given out to participants at the Recreation Center. The responses were divided into approximate areas of the city and different age groups to determine which means of transportation were being used to access the Recreation Center. It was discussed that this was an unfortunate time for any evaluations based on attendance due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The results of the survey will be shared in a separate report at a later date.

---The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.-----

The Parks & Recreation Board will have our next scheduled meeting Tuesday November 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Martha if you are unable to attend at msnead@cityofbn.com or 867-0700 and leave a message.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Snead, Aquatics Director