

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center.

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Martha Snead opened the Park Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jean Garascia, Sally Wahlbrink, Jane Davis, Tina Swindle, Kathy Endorf, Alease Dailes, Alderman Donnie Merz and Martha Snead.

Absent: Judy Mantych and Mark Dickerson; Director of Parks & Recreation.

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 were accepted as presented.

Martha Snead reported the Grant for the new van has been turned in. If we get the Grant, we won't get the new van until October 2013.

Martha reported the roofing company has not started the work on the roof of the racquetball and gymnasium yet and I don't have any more information on that.

Martha stated the locker rooms are finished and I was going to take you on a tour but the class is just now getting out. They look so nice and we've had nothing but positive feedback. A number of new participants decided to come here because it is so clean and a much nicer facility than the one they were patronizing.

\* At the end of the Park Board Meeting the Board members toured the locker rooms.

A discussion was held concerning the new lights in front of City Hall.

Martha reported the Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 28th. A discussion followed concerning the lack of calls letting the participants know the Tournament was cancelled. Martha mentioned a lot of the participants didn't turn in forms so Mark didn't have phone numbers to reach them. Participating Park Board members said no one was called and they showed up at the Golf Course to find it closed. It was suggested for future tournaments or events Mark should get an e-mail address for someone on each team so this doesn't happen again. A discussion followed. Sally Wahlbrink said she won't be able to work on April 28th and Tina Swindle said she is iffy for the 28th also. Kathy Endorf mentioned she will be golfing but she and Alease Dailes said they will be available to help clean-up.

Martha reported the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7th went really well. We had approximately 55 children with their parents and some grandparents.

Martha reported we are still in the process of planning the re-landscaping on the Plaza. We are going to buy trees and some plants. We are also deciding what to put down by City Hall. It should look different over the next several months when you come in.

Martha said our maintenance workers are pretty much tied up with cutting and trimming the parks to keep them looking good.

The Just Lose It program through Christian Hospital is just finishing up this week. We've had a lot of success. The two people in first place for the whole program are Bellefontaine Neighbors residents. They both weigh in at the hospital and have achieved 20% weight loss. So that is a really good program that is going quite well.

Martha mentioned the new clock by the racquetball court.

Martha mentioned getting ready to do the schedule for the outdoor pool. In the past we've talked about closing down a little earlier like all the other pools do but we never have. This year we might have to cut back our hours in August. The schools are going back so early and I'm losing my employees like crazy starting the first week in August. Jane Davis asked if half the pool could be closed. Martha said yes it would probably be the deep end. We may consider opening at 12:00 p.m. instead of 11:00 a.m.. Martha said the biggest issue is the employees going back to school so much earlier. I also have to contact the Day Camps to see what their plans are. Martha mentioned the Adult Pool Nights possibly in June, July and August. Alderman Merz mentioned it would be good if it could be consistent like maybe the third Friday of each month. A discussion followed concerning last years' event. Martha said the third Friday will work well for us. A discussion followed. Martha mentioned Craig Scheidker will be in charge of the Adult Pool Nights and we'll have it in the brochure so it will be a lot more organized. Martha confirmed it will be adults only. A discussion followed.

Martha brought up Alease Dailes concern at the last meeting about spraying for bugs earlier this year. Martha she is also concerned about the bugs at the outdoor pool. So we are going to have to see what we can do. I'm a little concerned about the evening swims, the swim meets and the adult pool nights. Martha mentioned a Girl Scout Troop from Grace Chapel is interested in doing some planting on the outdoor pool deck.

A discussion followed concerning the sand volleyball starting possibly next week but they didn't get a real good response this spring. A discussion followed.

Martha mentioned the Swim Team Open House is scheduled for April 30th. We will be scheduling another one at the end of May. With as tight as everyone's finances are I'm considering taking a \$20.00 deposit to hold their spot on the team instead of having to pay the whole fee as well as the cost of the swim suit. This is even harder for families with more than one child participating. I'm just looking for a commitment at this time. That way I can start working on rosters and get things rolling without having to wait for their final payment. Last year I was completely on hold until the last minute and there have been a couple of years when I didn't think we'd have enough for a team. We ended up with 70 kids last year and I'm hoping for at least that many this year. A discussion followed concerning fees as well as fund raising to put toward the cost of the suits.

Martha reported we are in the middle of our spring session of gym and water exercise classes and swim lessons are going very well. The session will run through the end of May. I regret scheduling through the end of May because it doesn't leave time to train the lifeguards. I'm sure it will work out fine.

Martha stated Amy has scheduled a Cinco De Mayo Dinner on Thursday, May 3rd. The people wanted something sooner than the next scheduled dinner in August. This event was not in the spring brochure but we've already sold 25 tickets. The event starts at 4:30 with dinner being served at 5:30 and is over at 7:00 p.m. We have pretty much the same group of people who attend and its getting to where they all know each other and are staying longer. They are home before dark and now since we have two bus drivers we are able to transport some of the people for the dinners.

For the free income tax preparation we offered, we had 125 people and 84 were residents. A lot of them inquired about our other programs while they were here.

Martha mentioned the Beautification Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th.

Martha asked if anyone had comments or questions.

Jane Davis stated she would like to see the outdoor pool open on Memorial Day weekend instead of Memorial Day. A discussion followed. Martha said we've always opened on Memorial Day and if nothing else it gives me the extra time to make sure our staff is ready. Our staff has to go through a week of preparation every year. It isn't so much that the certification takes that long it's dealing with their individual schedules. With the school year ending, the college kids getting home and settled and Prom and everything else that falls at the end of the

school year it's very difficult to get all of them certified. A discussion followed. Alderman Merz stated several people mentioned it doesn't make sense to just open on Monday. A discussion followed on the pool being open through Labor Day weekend. Martha stated once school starts in August, the pool will be open after school and on weekends. Martha also informed the Park Board members the indoor pool will close for two weeks for maintenance while the outdoor pool is still open. A discussion followed on summer pool schedules and other concerns on getting ready for summer. The Memorial Day Ceremony at Klein Park was also mentioned.

Martha mentioned a lot of work will go into the landscaping and Jean Garascia asked about the flowers by the sign at Klein park. She stated they look good when they come up in the spring but tend to dwindle as the warmer weather hits. A discussion followed on the time taken away from other needed maintenance with cutting the yards of unoccupied houses. Part time workers for the summer was mentioned.

The Bike Rodeo will be held on Saturday, May 19th with a rain out date of Saturday, May 26th.

Jean Garascia mentioned the ongoing issue of the Rec Center sign not being changed and old information being left on display. A discussion followed. Alderman Merz mentioned Mark Dickerson and Mayor Doerr are proposing getting a digital sign at Klein Park to list upcoming events and wondered if that one would be current since the one in front of the building doesn't get changed. A discussion followed. Jean Garascia mentioned the sign at Klein should inform the public of upcoming City Hall and Rec Center events. Martha mentioned Mark always mentions the sign needs to be changed.

Alderman Merz asked when the Wine/Beer Event is scheduled and it was stated it will depend on the date for the Golf Tournament but will probably be the third Saturday in October.

The Park Board Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Martha Snead, Acting Chairman

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The next Park Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Please notify the Rec Center staff by calling 867-0700 if you are unable to attend.

**Bellefontaine Neighbors  
Recreation Center Participation**

**April 2012**

Gameroom:	30
Room # 101:	509
Room # 109:	271
Swimmers:	2,159
Gym Use:	612
Racquetball	
# of hours:	14
# of players:	44
Weight Room:	743
<b>Total Participation:</b>	<b>4,382</b>

**City of Bellefontaine Neighbors  
Transportation Service Monthly Report  
April 2012**

Medical Appointments	60
Grocery Shopping ( Schnucks, Aldi's, Shop n Save & Riverview Dairy)	40
Banking (US Bank & Regions Bank)	8
Target/Family Dollar / K-Mart	11
Pharmacy Trips	12
Hair Appointments (Bissell, Masters Touch)	13
Recreation Center (Meetings & Classes)	29
Tax Appointments	0
Post Office	2
Nursing Home Visits	1
Northside Christian Dining Center	5
Lee's Chicken (4/2)	4
Lion's Choice (4/30)	4
Library	0
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Total Participation	189
Total Number of Residents	31
Total Donations	\$0.00

**Bellefontaine Neighbors  
Recreation Center Daily**

Date: April 2012

Weight Room	\$348.00
Gym Classes	\$676.50
Racquetball	\$79.00
Swim Fees	\$277.00
Swim Lessons	\$2,459.50
Room Reservations	\$1,050.00
Park Reservations	\$1,040.00
Swim Team	\$339.50
Day Camp	\$0.00
Snack Bar	\$300.00
Gym User Fee	\$204.00
I.D. Card/Passes	\$7,420.00
Special Events	\$1,076.00
Miscellaneous	\$101.90
Miniature Golf	\$32.00
Golf Tournament	\$2,700.00
Total	\$18,103.40