

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center.

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

Present: Jean Garascia, Sally Wahlbrink, Tina Swindle, Kathy Endorf, Jane Davis, Judy Mantych, Dave Cross and Mark Dickerson; Director of Parks & Recreation

Absent: Alderman Don Merz

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 were accepted as presented.

Mark mentioned having a meeting with SWD Design concerning the assessment. I was hoping to have something for this meeting. Mark said he thought he may still show up with it. Mark reported we sat down and went over the 8 pieces of property the City owns and talked about each of them. The weather wasn't the best but we went out and viewed all of them from the vehicle but we didn't get out and walk them. I talked about what I thought of them and how they get used. He will go back and do an assessment which will include everything at each park as well as a page spread on each park. They will be scheduling a public meeting which will be an Open House from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. on June 9th. Since the Summer Brochure will go out May 16th we can include information concerning the assessment as well as the date and time for the Open House to get the information out to the public. Mark reported people who can't make the Open House could possibly do an on-line survey. It would be better to get input from a hundred people than 15 to get a better feel for what people want. He is hoping to incorporate the information gathered from the survey and people attending the Open House. A discussion followed. Mark said he may come up with something we can do to improve Bissell Hills Park so it will be used more.

Mark reported the roofers were supposed to start yesterday but they ordered the wrong materials. So as soon the materials are delivered we should see some action up there. Mark said we should have the materials by next week and be working on it by the first of May.

Mark reported the golf tournament went well and thanked the Park Board members for their help. Mark stated we were lucky with the weather and ended up with 60 golfers, and everything went well. Tina Swindle mentioned the BBQ for the golf tournament was really good. A discussion followed.

Mark said he isn't sure what's going on with the Just Lose It program and Jane Davis reported it is over now and the Finale is Thursday night.

Mark mentioned we are putting the Summer Brochure together and it should go to the printer the first week of May and be delivered May 16th.

Mark reported Craig and Martha are working on the Adult Pool Party nights. The Youth Commission has already thrown dates at us for golf nights so they are also working on that. The outdoor pool will open on Saturday, May 23rd.

Mark reported we had nice weather for the Easter Egg Hunt but not much of a crowd. We might have had 50 kids and maybe 100 all together counting parents, kids and workers. A discussion followed concerning when we had 200 plus kids. Jane Davis asked if we get a good turnout for miniature golf with the free passes on Mother's or Father's day and Mark said we only get a few. A discussion followed.

Mark mentioned Mathews-Dickey had another registration day for baseball and softball teams on April 18th and I think the Mayor said they had 82 kids sign up and 16 adults to coach. A discussion followed which included who will be responsible for taking care of the fields thru the summer. Tina asked about using a field for practice and Mark said the best field would be at St. Cyr Park, but we could get Bissell Hills ready if someone would want to practice there.

Mark mentioned the Police will be getting together with the kids from Fort Bellefontaine for a basketball game on Thursday, May 7th here at the Recreation Center from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mark said the Beautification Day is this Saturday so if the weather is questionable call before you come up.

Mark mentioned interviewing people to be hired for maintenance or other help for the summer. A discussion followed. Mark said he will only hire ages 16 and older. The subject of summer day camp was brought up and Mark said with all the churches offering day camps it isn't something we need to do. A discussion was held concerning St. Louis County programs. Mark reported the City is going to hold a day camp this summer for two weeks. The Police Department is running it with St. Louis County. I think it is for kids at risk. The income is probably low too because they will get a free breakfast and lunch. Peggy Vassallo will be running it with Dave Owens and they are getting four other counselors at no cost to the City. We're supplying the building, St. Louis County will supply the counselors and food. A discussion followed concerning the two week schedule. There will be 30 to 35 kids and if they cause any problems they will no longer be permitted to attend.

A discussion was held concerning painting the fence near St. Cyr Park and the wood planter baskets as well as the Easter decorations and Christmas lights.

Mark said since the Open House has been set for Tuesday, June 9th we will move the Park Board meeting and you can come to the Open House. Jean Garascia asked whatever happened with the trail. Mark reported speaking to the representative from the design firm for the Great River Greenway Open House at the Parks & Recreation Conference and he said they are still working on it. They are looking for money and the project is still going on. Mark reported the construction on the bridge on St. Cyr will begin at the end of this year and will run into next year. That is part of the trail too. A discussion followed.

A discussion followed concerning the new bike lanes taking up one of the lanes for cars and the fact that you never see any bikers using them.

The Park Board meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Mark Dickerson, Acting Chairmen

The next Park Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Please notify the Recreation Center staff by calling 867-0700 if you are unable to attend.

**Bellefontaine Neighbors
Recreation Center Participation**

April 2015

Gameroom:	30
Room # 101:	285
Room # 109:	357
Swimmers:	1,877
Gym Use:	573
Racquetball	
# of hours:	26
# of players:	104
Weight Room:	738
Total Participation:	3,990

**City of Bellefontaine Neighbors
Transportation Service Monthly Report
April 2015**

Medical Appointments	59
Grocery Shopping (Schnucks, Aldi's, Shop n Save & Riverview Dairy)	32
Banking -US Bank, Regions & Commerce	5
Target/Family Dollar / K-Mart	11
Pharmacy Trips	9
Hair Appointments (Bissell, Shear Perfection)	8
Recreation Center (Meetings & Classes)	42
Lee's Chicken (4/6)	2
Post Office/License Office	2
Taxes/Voting	5/1
Walmart (4/27)	2
Miscellaneous	2

Total Participation	180
Total Number of Residents	40
Total Donations	\$20.00

Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center Daily

Date: April 2015

Weight Room	\$165.00
Gym Classes	\$129.10
Racquetball	\$167.00
Swim Fees	\$177.00
Swim Lessons	\$1,510.85
Room Reservations	\$675.00
Park Reservations	\$920.00
Swim Team	\$594.76
Van Donations	\$20.00
Snack Bar	\$345.00
Gym User Fee	\$85.00
I.D. Card/Passes	\$3,720.00
Special Events	\$3,964.50
Miscellaneous	\$108.50
Miniature Golf	\$4.00
Adult Pool Party	
Total	\$12,585.71