

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

City of Findlay

May 16, 2016

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Paul Schmelzer, Chair, Matt Cordonnier, Dennis McPheron, Greg Meyers, Gary Pruitt, Grant Russel, Mike Slough, Brian Thomas, Dave Trisel, Jeff Wobser.

Staff Present: Matt Stoffel, Lisa Mansfield, and Kathy Launder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of the March 21, 2016, and April 18, 2016, meeting, by Meyers, second by McPheron. Motion passed 10-0.

OLD BUSINESS

YMCA Strategic Planning Reports: Schmelzer reported that in the "*Membership and Program Needs and Priorities Study*" it identifies the client base and their needs. What can we pull out of it for our needs? 85% of homes in the area are single family homes. The average household income is \$50,150. Total county population is 74,782. Median age is 25-44. The "*Online Community Needs Assessment-Summary Report*" reports 229 community members responded to the survey. The response level equates to a 95% confidence level and a confidence interval of 6.5%. Most of the respondents are from Findlay. The questions asked for the strategic planning report are different than what was asked at the Recreation Summit. In the "*Growth Research for the Findlay Family YMCA*" the primary purpose of the research was to provide unbiased data to the YMCA regarding the opportunities for growth. 600 telephone/online interviews were held with a random sample of area residents who do not belong to the YMCA. 291 online interviews were held with current YMCA members. In the Executive Summary it shows that residents are cost conscious when it comes to offerings at the YMCA. Current YMCA members are 95% satisfied. In a sample of 600 area residents, 15% of those who do not belong to the Findlay Family YMCA belong to some type of health club or recreation center. Overall residents gave the YMCA a C for Real Positive Impact score. This is typical for YMCAs across the country. Only 2% of the 600 area residents interviews stated that they have unmet needs or wants in terms of healthy living, sports, exercise, or recreation. One third of the 600 area residents interviewed who are not currently YMCA members consider membership at a YMCA as personally relevant.

Summary of Use: Schmelzer distributed a spreadsheet which shows a sampling of what the City offers for Recreation activities and facilities and who is using the activities and facilities. Suggestions were made to age group, frequency of use, and organization match of resources.

Summit Summary: A Summit Summary was distributed with action items. Schmelzer stated that if we are looking of the next thing Recreation is to do, think about what it is and bring to the next meeting. How do we figure out what is needed/wanted in our community. It is up to us to prioritize and come up with funding. Schmelzer feels good about where we are with the user groups.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recreation Department Report: Mansfield reported that the City hosted a Lacrosse clinic with The University of Findlay. The attendance was low due to other scheduling conflicts, but the interest was high. Play Catch with the Mayor is scheduled for May 23 as part of the Play Ball initiative of the US Conference of Mayors and Major League Baseball. Muddonna will be there along with vendors providing food. The grand opening of the Miracle Field is scheduled for August 20. GLIAC held its softball tournament at The Marathon Diamonds. Findlay Youth Baseball will be holding a tournament. The ice is back down at the Cube. Spring Learn to Skate had 15 participants more than last year.

Parks Maintenance Department Report: Stoffel stated that the crews have been mowing. The Bandshell project is complete. Will be starting the batting cage project at The Marathon Diamonds. Have been working on the pool preparing it to open Memorial Day weekend. In the process of putting mulch down in all the parks.

OTHER REPORTS

Hancock Park District Report: Pruitt reported that the City of Findlay and the Hancock Park District have had a long standing agreement that has the Hancock Park District managing several parks in the City of Findlay. River park improvements will be made at Centennial Park, Karg Well, and River Landings Park on Fox Street. Improvements include site amenities, accessible walkways, new landscaping plans, update with modern amenities. Will install safety railing at Karg Well and add signage. The Hancock Park District will notify the City's Parks and Recreation Department when this work will be done.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board is scheduled for June 20, 2016, at 4:00pm in the third floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Launder
City Clerk