

The City of Wickliffe
Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14th, 2010

A regular meeting of the Wickliffe Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Ivancic on Thursday, January 14th, 2009 at 7:30P.M. in Council Chambers of Wickliffe City Hall.

Members Present

- ★ Dan Ivancic
- ★ Julie Ganim
- ★ Sue Mancino
- ★ Kim Hildack
- ★ Nicole Lorenzo-Luna
- ★ Sherry Koski
- ★ Joanne Beal
- ★ Carole Zalokar
- ★ Sr. Citizen Coordinator Barbara Kirsch
- ★ Tom Rosneck

Also Present

- ★ Recreation Director Timothy Stopp
- ★ Service Garage Superintendent Joe D'Ambrosio

Members Absent

- ★ Bridget Burkett

Members Excused

- ★ none

Approval of Minutes

Motion:	Motion by Beal, seconded by Hildack, that the minutes from the November 12th, 2009 meeting be approved with the following clarification:
Roll Call:	Under New Business: Other: Ivancic comments to contact FBI... for presentations.
	Ayes: All Nays: None
Result:	Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Approval of Agenda

Motion:	Motion by Ivancic, seconded by Beal, that the agenda for the January 14th, 2010 meeting be approved as presented.
Roll Call:	Ayes: All Nays: None
Result:	Motion carried. Agenda approved.

Introduction of Guests

Welcome to all City Council Memembers and Council President Krych.
Also welcome to the new members of our commission School Board Representative and Council Representative Sherry Koski. We look forward to working with you.

Audience Participation

None

Communications

- A new roster was circulated for additions/corrections.
- Lorenzo-Luna brought many catalogues and other information (regarding recreation centers, playground equipment, etc) for both Mr. Stopp and Mr. D'Ambrosio.

Reports

Joe D'Ambrosio, Service Garage Superintendent

Mr. D'Ambrosio noted that this is a slow time with regard to the parks. Employees have been repairing and painting park equipment (picnic tables, garbage cans, swings, etc.)
Koski noted that there is only one garbage can in Orlando. While walking there, she noticed that it was overflowing and that there is not a conveniently located one for residents who might be walking during winter months. Mr. D'Ambrosio will investigate. Hildack noted that the same is true in Jindra Park. She also noted that the plow operators have pushed the snow to obstruct access to the walking path.

Ivancic questioned the status of Jindra Pool. Mr. D'Ambrosio noted that Mr. Stopp, Pete Formica, Mayor Margalis, and himself will be meeting tomorrow regarding this issuse. It seems that the recommendation from C.T. Consultants will not be positive.

Timothy Stopp, Recreation Director

Mr. Stopp noted that the Recreation Department helped to coordinate gift giving to needy families in Wickliffe by acting as "the middleman". He expressed a huge Thank you to ABB who were extremely generous in providing for 32 families (69 children). The City Club, The Wickliffe Eagles, Wickliffe Midget Football, the I&A, and others were also instrumental in delivering and contributing to needy families.

Currently, basketball is "in session". Dave Kryz, the High School Basketball coach runs a program for 5th & 6th graders and 3rd & 4th graders that currently consists of 82 kids. They play full court with OHS referees. There is also a travel league that plays on Sundays at tournaments in the area. Pee Wee basketball is beginning. 48 students in 1st and 2nd grade are participating. Todd Calic facilitates this program. Todd also runs an Open Gym on Friday evenings for 5th & 6th and 7th & 8th graders (approximantely 20-25 kids).

Timothy Stopp, Recreation Director (Continued)

Classes at The Center run Monday through Thursday evenings. TaiChi, Low Impact Areobics, Zumba, Yoga, Ballroom Dancing, and Polynesian Dance are offered, and will continue for the next session. Mr. Stopp was asked to look into the number of residents who are using the exercise equipment in the evenings. It was noted that Wickliffe Residents age 18-54 can purchase a yearly membership for \$10, then are able to use the facilities from 5:00-9:00 P.M. Monday through Thursdays. Seniors' hours are 8:00-4:30, but they can also come in the evening. It was questioned whether the issue with membership cards for seniors had been resolved. It was noted that the information has been entered into Excel. Swipe cards were again recommended.

The Wickliffe Connection will continue under Mayor Margalis. It will be published in February and May. The deadline for the February issue was last Friday.

A handicap/ADA restroom is being installed at Green Ridge through funding from a grant from Natureworks (which will cover up to 75% of the total). Food service will be continued here, and beer will also be available for purchase. Zalokar questioned whether installation of an ATM at this location was ever investigated/considered. Mr. Stopp will bring this to the attention of the Finance Director. Lorenzo-Luna questioned whether the house for sale might be retained for use as the clubhouse. It was noted that that is not an option; money from the sale of the property will be put into the capital improvement fund for the golf course.

The next "big thing" is Winterfest. This event had a fantastic turnout last year, even with the terrible weather. It is questionable (due to weather) whether the ice rink will be possible this year. New "events" this year will be tractor rides, snowman building, a snowball throwing area, and frisbee golf. Volunteers and chili cooks are still needed.

Barb Kirsch, Senior Citizen Coordinator

See written report (attached)

The tap dancers were wonderful! They had 5 costume changes for the performance!!! (They practice at The Center.)

30-35 shots were given out.

As of today, there are 8 seats left for the trip; it will be the last one until April.

Over 100 people are signed up for the March 2nd event. Ivancic questioned whether "anyone" could attend (do you have to be a senior?). Mrs. Kirsch noted that anyone could attend.

Sherry Koski, Representative from Council

Mrs. Koski had nothing to report, as she was just assigned to this commission.

Tom Rosneck, Representative from School Board

Mr. Rosneck noted that he did not have a report. Ivancic questioned whether an open gym for adults might be possible. It was noted that gym time is currently "at a premium". It was noted that the teachers play from 6:00-7:00 A.M. Mr. Stopp will check to see if there is any open spots at CPL (Borromeo).

Old Business

Use of Parks

Mr Ivancic questioned ice skating. It was noted that it is currently useable, depending on weather. The hours for use of the ice rink are the same as the hours for use of the park.

Recreation Center

It was noted that Council has received this commission's recommendation letter. It was noted that it was put into committee (council) and will also be discussed with regard to the budget.

Other

It was noted that a Skate Park was on the list (mentioned above). Locations are still being considered. It was requested that Rosneck inquire regarding locations at the next school board meeting. Mancino noted that she mentioned the possibility of the Fire Station as a location to the new Fire Chief, who was not objectionable to the idea. It was questioned whether someone from this commission could contact ABB. It was noted that this topic will be tabled until there is a response from Council (as it has been suggested and is now "in their court").

New Business

Other

Hildack suggested a summer basketball league. It was noted that this was tried in the past, and that many kids play softball/baseball. It was suggested that it might resolve some of the court time issues. It will be considered, and possibly offered in the May issue of the Connection. Ivancic offered to assist with recruitment of coaches. It was also noted that the City of Euclid will be adding new basketball courts; this may also help with court time use.

The idea of repeating the Community Health/Recreation Fair was suggested. It was also suggested to move the event to April this year. We will need to Revamp/refresh if it is to be repeated. Mr. Stopp will contact LHS.

Motion:	Motion by Beal, seconded by Ganim, to repeat the Health/Recreation Fair this year, in April if possible.
Roll Call:	Ayes: All Nays: None
Result:	Motion carried.

Announcements

Volunteers are still needed for Winterfest. Contact the Recereation Department if you can help.

Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11th, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Adjournment

Motion:	Motion by Beal, seconded by Ganim, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 P.M.
Roll Call:	Ayes: All Nays: None
Result:	Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Fink, Secretary