

# The City of Wickliffe

## Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes  
October 8th, 2009

A regular meeting of the Wickliffe Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Beal on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:32P.M. in Council Chambers of Wickliffe City Hall.

### **Members Present**

- ★ Joanne Beal
- ★ Kim Hildack
- ★ Sue Mancino
- ★ Anthony Vitale
- ★ Dan Ivancic
- ★ Matt Jaworski
- ★ Carole Zalokar
- ★ Nicole Lorenzo
- ★ Sr. Citizen Coordinator Barbara Kirsch
- ★ Julie Ganim

### **Also Present**

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

### **Members Absent**

- ★ None

### **Members Excused**

- ★ Bridget Burkett

### **Approval of Minutes**

<b>Motion:</b>	Motion by Ivancic, seconded by Vitale, that the minutes from the September 10th, 2009 meeting be approved as presented.
<b>Roll Call:</b>	Ayes: All Nays: None
<b>Result:</b>	Motion carried. <b>Minutes approved.</b>

### **Approval of Agenda**

<b>Motion:</b>	Motion by Vitale, seconded by Ganim, that the agenda for the October 8th, 2009 meeting be approved with the addition of "Action Item" under "Use of Parks"
<b>Roll Call:</b>	Ayes: All Nays: None
<b>Result:</b>	Motion carried. <b>Agenda approved.</b>

## **Introduction of Guests**

None

## **Audience Participation**

None

## **Communications**

Article from Mancino (see attached)

## **Reports**

### **Joe D'Ambrosio, Service Garage Superintendent**

Mr. D'Ambrosio stated that the Service Department has been busy cutting grass and lining soccer and football fields. A slide that was damaged was removed from Jindra Park. Graffiti was removed from equipment at Featherston Park. The recent storm brought down trees in the parks at Intihar, Nehls, and Coulby. The Service Department will begin removing picnic tables from the parks and "winterizing" the parks soon.

Lorenzo noted that she had recently renewed her NPSI (National Playground Safety Inspector) Certification. She suggested that someone from the city be certified. She noted that the certification is obtained through OPRA (Ohio Parks and Recreation Association). Beal requested that Lorenzo request info regarding this for the city. Mr. Stopp questioned whether Lorenzo could provide this service to the city for a fee. Lorenzo noted that she could.

Mr. D'Ambrosio noted that the gate that was suggested by this Commission for the area between the pool area and the lazy river is "in progress"; it is being done "in house".

Lorenzo commended the Service Department for trying to help with the Middle School fields.

### **Timothy Stopp, Recreation Director**

The Craft Show went well. Mr. Stopp thanked the volunteers. The attendance was down just a bit from last year. It was suggested that we "aim for diversity", and it was noted that diversity is what is strived for. This was the 33rd year for the show. There are 40-50 vendors. It is commonly in competition with Homecoming Weekend, baseball playoffs, etc. Mr. Stopp noted that the Recreation department is grateful to the Service Department for all their assistance.

CT Consultants will be bringing plans for the Jindra Park "remodel" to City Council soon. The idea is to begin "construction" after baseball season in 2010. Drainage is a main concern. There was a meeting held with both the baseball and soccer leagues regarding possible relocation.

The Recreation Department has added a new Ballroom Dancing class at the Senior/Recreation Center on Thursday evenings. It is an 8 week class for \$72 per couple. 9-10 couples are participating. Yoga, low impact aerobics, TaiChi continue, as does Zumba. A blood drive and a clothing drive will take place there soon.

PeeWee volleyball has begun at the Middle School, as well as Football for grades K-2.

Help is being requested for the Halloween Party that will be held on Wednesday, October 28th at the High School. The doors open at 6:30 and approximately 400 children are expected. There will be a D.J, a magician, and a "movie guy".

Mancino questioned whether there would be a special event for Lights on After School this year. Mr. Stopp noted that there will not. Funds are a bit "tight" and they are being conservative.

On October 14th, a State of the City address will be held, following a "casual" Meet the Candidate event beginning at 6 P.M. School Board candidates have been invited to attend. The Chamber of Commerce, The Rotary Club, and the League of Women Voters will be held the same day at the Library at 7:30 A.M.

### **Barb Kirsch, Senior Citizen Coordinator**

See written report (attached)

There have been issues with the membership cards. Names are not on cards and upon renewal, the year is being crossed out with a pen and the new year is being written in by hand. A suggestion for a solution is to use stickers upon renewal (similar to pool passes).

The computer guy was well received. He speaks on a level that the seniors understand.

It was suggested that a pavilion be added behind the Center. This will be added to the Action Item list. Another suggestion was made to add a permanent cover for the bocce area at the Center. This will also be added to the Action Item list.

### **Matthew Jaworski, Representative from Council**

Mr. Jaworski noted that he had nothing to report.

### **Anthony Vitale, Representative from School Board**

Mr. Vitale noted that the bonfire went well. He offered "kudos" to Mrs. Foote and Dr. Cintavey.

## **Old Business**

### **Use of Parks**

The Action Items list was discussed.

It was decided that the list would be categorized according to "type" of project: Capital, maintenance, or policy. Capital was defined as something that would last 5 years or longer and had a value of over \$2,000.00. The list was then prioritized.

The "goose problem" was discussed again. Suggestions for "correction" of the problem include a dog and rubber coyotes. It was noted that if a dog was purchased, there is an employee in the Service Department who would be willing to house it.

### **Other**

None

## **New Business**

### **Recreation Center**

Ivancic suggested that the Park Tour be moved to the April or May meeting. This was discussed, and it was noted that there are various reasons to keep the tour in June. These reasons include the weather (not usually cooperating), the service department has not had opportunity to "de-winterize" the parks, and it would require a change in the bylaws.

It was noted that a letter be drafted to accompany the Action Item list and that the letter and the list be sent to both Mr. Stopp and Mr. Kerniskey and that it be carbon copied to all council members.

The Skate Park was also discussed, as was a dog park. It was noted that areas would need to be suggested. A suggestion was made to locate the Skate Park on/near the tennis courts at the Middle School. It was noted that this would put the liability on the schools. It was suggested that liability be shared. It was noted that if the attorneys could figure out how to "defer" the recreational immunity that is allowed to the city if there is no supervision to the schools, then it would be win/win.

The new center that is being built in Beachwood was discussed. It was noted that a public/private partnership would be a great idea. It was also suggested to form a subcommittee to work on this.

## **Announcements**

Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12th, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

## **Adjournment**

<b>Motion:</b>	Motion by Lorenzo, seconded by Vitale, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 P.M.
<b>Roll Call:</b>	Ayes: All Nays: None
<b>Result:</b>	Motion carried. <b>Meeting Adjourned.</b>

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Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra J. Fink, Secretary