

The City of Wickliffe
Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 11th, 2010

A regular meeting of the Wickliffe Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Ivancic on Thursday, February 11th, 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
- ★ Tom Rosneck
- ★ Joanne Beal
- ★ Carole Zalokar
- ★ Sr. Citizen Coordinator Barbara Kirsch

Also Present

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

Members Absent

- ★ Sherry Koski

Members Excused

- ★ none

Approval of Minutes

Motion:	Motion by Beal, seconded by Ganim, that the minutes from the January 14th, 2010 meeting be approved as presented.
Roll Call:	Ayes: All Nays: None
Result:	Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Approval of Agenda

Motion:	Motion by Ganim, seconded by Beal, that the agenda for the February 11th, 2010 meeting be approved as presented.
Roll Call:	Ayes: All Nays: None
Result:	Motion carried. Agenda approved.

Introduction of Guests

Joanne MacDougall & Michelle Amata of Lee Terrace Drive

Audience Participation

The ladies listed above are the President and Vice President of the Arlington Condominium Association. They attended to petition the Parks and Recreation Commission to recommend improvements to Featherston Park. Improvements they would like to see include: older children's playground equipment (possibly monkey bars, a teeter totter, a large slide), a walking path (similar to Jindra and Orlando), and additional picnic tables. It was noted that there is a great deal of vandalism in this park. The ladies noted that parents of younger children do "police" the area. A discussion regarding possibly applying for a Natureworks grant to assist with funding for these suggested improvements. It was noted that Applications for this grant are due in February, which makes it too late to apply this year. Another issue is that the entrance to the park (near the gate) turns into a swamp when there is precipitation due to the grade of the surface. Mr. Ivancic noted that it would be a good idea to write a letter to your councilman.

Communications

None

Reports

Joe D'Ambrosio, Service Garage Superintendent

Mr. D'Ambrosio noted that there is not a lot going on in the parks at this time. The Service Department has completed the repainting of the yellow barrels. They are currently working on repair and repainting picnic tables. They have been busy plowing snow. Ivancic complimented the Service Department... he noted that as a rule, and suggestions that are made are acted upon and "taken care of".

Timothy Stopp, Recreation Director

Mr. Stopp noted that Winterfest was a successful event. Although it was not very cold and there was not much snow, everyone still had a lot of fun. It was noted that approximately 150 people enjoyed the event. Residents enjoyed tractor rides, frisbee golf, crafts, a bake sale, a chili cookoff, and more. Mr. Stopp thanked all who were helpful in making this event a success.

The Saturday rec basketball league ends tomorrow. There were 82 participants. Peewee and Open Gym Friday Night basketball continues.

The Recreation Department has been busy preparing for summer programs. Summer movies will continue, as will "Captain's Night". It will be in the May issue of the Wickliffe Connection.

Mr. Stopp reported that he has contacted LHS and they are interested in participating in the Health/Wellness Fair again this year. The tentative date is May 8th. Various organizations within the city may represent themselves and instructors may again hold mini classes to get residents into the Center to see what goes on there. Ivancic volunteered to "create" an advertisement/article (to be presented for approval at next month's meeting). It was suggested that, weather allowing, outdoor activities (like the exercise stations at Jindra) be included in the Fair.

Barb Kirsch, Senior Citizen Coordinator

See written report (attached)

Both gambling trips are full, and the June trip is almost full.

The Mardi Gras celebration has been sold out for weeks.

Ivancic questioned whether the event on March 2nd is open to all residents or just seniors. Mrs. Kirsch will double check and let us know.

There will be no food served from the nutrition site until February 22nd. This is for all of Lake County, not just Wickliffe, as reported.

Sherry Koski, Representative from Council

Not present, no report.

Tom Rosneck, Representative from School Board

Mr. Rosneck noted that when the winter programs come to an end, the “use of the schools” will open up. Mr. Rosneck wanted to thank the City in advance, as the school teams use City fields for games and practices. The schools look forward to using the fine facilities offered within our city.

The area between the Middle School and the Library is not available for use by the city for a Skate Park due to: liability, lunchtime recreation, Safety Town during the summer, and Physical Education classes. Also, there is a shared agreement with the Library. The idea of a Skate Park was brought up at a BOE meeting, and it was well received.

The idea of a senior/senior prom and getting sports teams and other kid’s groups more involved in intergenerational programs and activities is a wonderful idea. It will be brought up at a BOE meeting.

Lorenzo questioned where the negotiations with the Metroparks is/was with regard to the trail near Pete’s pond. Mr. Rosneck will “rekindle” the discussion at the next BOE meeting and report back.

Old Business

Use of Parks

Beal inquired if anyone had any ideas for “one day” celebrations at the individual parks. Lorenzo suggested a “walk & roll” program (adults pushing strollers or people rollerblading or bikeriding). She will investigate and report back. Another suggestion is to hold one of the movie nights in different parks.

Ganim suggested a 1K or 5K walk with tshirts and maps for the Health/Wellness Fair. All city parks could be part of the walk. It could be for fun or as a fundraiser for charity. Another idea might be a “scavenger hunt” with suggestions from the Wickliffe Historical Society.

Recreation Center

It was noted that we need to “look ahead” with regard to expansion. It was also noted that there is no doubt that there is a need for expansion, but what is needed is open to discussion.

Mancino questioned Councilman Ely with regard to drawings for expansion. He noted that he had not, but that synergy between the schools and the city to make our city the best in Lake County. It was noted (again) that if we do not find/give kids something to do, they will find something themselves.

It was also suggested to partner with the county or local businesses to expand the Center.

We need to do it right... if we do, people will be fighting to live here.

It was also noted that the city needs the schools, but the schools don't necessarily need the city.

It was suggested that a subcommittee be formed. We can meet, plan, and recommend.

Surveys don't work... only 25 responded to the last survey that was printed in the Wickliffe Connection.

Communication is important! If we want something to happen... we could use the front page of the connection.

We would like to have a report on the status of appointments and ideas regarding the Center from the Council Rep (Sherry).

Other

It was noted that Burkett resigned from the commission. It was inquired regarding a new member. Sandi will investigate.

New Business

Other

None

Health/Wellness Fair and the Recreation Center were discussed earlier.

Action Items

Ivancic:	Ad/Article for Health/Wellness Fair
Lorenzo:	Report on investigation into “Walk & Roll” event
Ganim:	Report on ideas for 1K or 5K walk and/or Scavenger Hunt for the Health/Wellness Fair
Koski:	Report on status of expansion of Center.

Announcements

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 Ganim, seconded by Lorenzo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 P.M.
Roll Call:	Ayes: All Nays: None
Result:	Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Fink, Secretary