

The City of Wickliffe

Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes
March 12th, 2009

A regular meeting of the Wickliffe Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Beal on Thursday, January 9th, 2008 at 7:36P.M. in the Victorian Room of Wickliffe City Hall.

Members Present

- ★ Joanne Beal
- ★ Kim Hildack
- ★ Sue Mancino
- ★ Dan Ivancic
- ★ Julie Ganim
- ★ Matt Jaworski
- ★ Sr. Citizen Coordinator Barbara Kirsch

Also Present

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

Members Absent

- ★ none

Members Excused

- ★ Bridget Burkett
- ★ Carole Zalokar
- ★ Anthony Vitale
- ★ Nicole Lorenzo

Approval of Minutes

Motion:	Motion by Mancino, seconded by Beal, that the minutes from the January 8th, 2009 meeting be approved with the following corrections:
Roll Call:	Under Senior Coordinator: the fees for Mentor Senior Center are \$5 for residents and \$7 for non-residents Under Recreation Director: LOAS - it says LOAS is at the Senior/Community Center on Mondays and Wednesdays - it should be Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Under Recreation Director: It says "It was suggested to plan activities for residents earlier in the day" - meaning after Senior hours (after 4)
	Ayes: All Nays: None
Result:	Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Approval of Agenda

Motion:	Motion by Mancino, seconded by Beal, that the agenda for the March 12th, 2009 meeting be approved with the following corrections:
Roll Call:	change Assistant Service Director to Service Supervisor change Recreation Direction to Recreation Director
	Ayes: All Nays: None
Result:	Motion carried. Agenda approved.

Introduction of Guests

High School student Kelly Raddell to observe for her government class.

Audience Participation

None

Communications

Reports

Joe D'Ambrosio, Service Garage Superintendent

The Service Department is getting ready to return equipment to the parks. Repair/paint continues for both senior swings and picnic tables. As the weather cooperates, they will be in the parks getting them cleaned up and ready for another season.

Mancino questioned whether we had enough salt to last throughout the rest of this season. Mr D'Ambrosio noted that we should be okay with regards to road salt.

Timothy Stopp, Recreation Director

Mr. Stopp reported that this is the quiet time before "the storm". The Recreation Department has been very busy preparing for the publication of Spring/Summer activities in the Wickliffe Connection. The date had been moved up by the mayor. This issue will cover April through June (second quarter).

Next Friday, March 20th, there will be Family Movie Night at the Senior/Community Center at 7:00 P.M. All are invited to enjoy Kung Fu Panda and popcorn and bug juice. Doors will open at 6:30.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 4th at 11:30 A.M. at City Hall. Volunteers are needed and should meet at the gazebo at 11:00.

Ivancic questioned how we staff/maintain pools. Mr. Stopp noted that "preseason" opportunities are given to guards to assist the Service Department. Mike Palgut of the Service Department does an excellent job of maintaining the pools and supervising the teens that help with the preseason work.

We are fast approaching the annual Golf Outing at Green Ridge Golf Coarse. Discussion was held regarding dates and proceeds. It was determined that proceeds should again benefit LOAS and that the suggested date would be Saturday June 6th.

Barb Kirsch, Senior Citizen Coordinator

See written report (attached)

The board decided to reinstitute general and open meetings. There were many questions and lots of concern regarding the use of the building after 4:00 P.M., especially regarding damage to the computers and the pool tables. It was noted that the computers do have some filters in place.

Mr. Stopp reported that senior non-resident member fees are now \$10.00. All funds for Senior memberships go into the Senior Center account which has many line items.

Mr. Stopp also reported that, as promised, the Center is open in the evenings. Cheryl Kinney of the Recreation Department is the evening monitor for the Center. It is open and available to Wickliffe Residents age 18 and over who purchase a \$10.00 per year membership. The exercise equipment, the billiards, etc. is available for use by members. At this time, there is no need to have the craft room open at night. Hopefully, there will be separate pool equipment purchased for community use.

The board has decided to purchase a third Wii, as it has become so popular. Presently, there are only 8 controls, and all of them are constantly in use. There will also be "permanent hook ups" for the equipment.

The High School boys baseball team will be coming down to join the Seniors to watch the Indians Season opener on the televisions on Monday, April 6th at 2:00 P.M.

The Lunch Bunch will be going to Golden Mountain. A corned beef dinner was brought in from Flavors on the Avenue for St. Patrick's Day. It was well-received.

Matthew Jaworski, Representative from Council

Council has been busy with the budget. One note of interest to this committee is that council has set aside \$438,000 for Jindra Park. Also, the city will be eliminating the early bird discount for pool passes and the extra dollars will keep Jindra Pool open an extra two weeks.

Beal asked if any of the \$438,000 was allocated for the pool. Mr. Jaworski noted that it was not discussed, but will likely be determined by the next council.

Mancino questioned whether there has been any action on the tennis courts at Jindra. Mr. Jaworski noted there have been no decisions with regards to the tennis courts.

Anthony Vitale, Representative from School Board

Not present. No report.

Old Business

Community Center Open House / Recreation Fair

Beal noted that between meetings, she met with Mr. Stopp regarding this topic. The date for the fair will be May 16th. All are asked to take charge of an area of interest.

Mr. Stopp reported that there has been a lot of work done on this event already. The time will be from 11AM to 2PM.

Members are asked to "take charge of" an area of interest (see notes attached).

The main idea of this project is to highlight the Community Center; to make our community aware of the programs that are available, what goes on during the day, and what programs the City offers "outside" the Center. It will also have a health and wellness component. LAke hospital Systems have been contacted and have offered to perform cholesterol screenings, bone density/osteoporosis screenings, check blood pressures, check diabetes/blood sugar, and provide a nutritionist and a dietician.

Most of the city leagues have responded to an invitation to promote their activity: Wickliffe Baseball League, Wickliffe Midget Football League, Wickliffe Soccer League, Wickliffe Swim Team, etc.

Someone from Magnifiers and More will demonstrate the machine.

There will be someone from the Senior center to demonstrate the Wii, the workout equipment, and to offer memberships.

We are also looking to have short demos from all the evening instructors (yoga, tai chi, aerobics, and zumba) and possibly ballroom dancing.

Ivancic and Ganim will put together a power point on the parks.

The library will be contacted.

Other groups will also participate: Council on Aging, Scouting, Lights on After School, Summer Camp(s), etc.

Use of Parks

Nothing new to report.

Skate Area

Nothing new to report.

New Programs for Community Center

Yoga will be added starting Tuesday, April 7th on Tuesday nights from 7:45-8:45 PM.

Zumba will begin Wednesday, April 8th on Wednesdays from 7:45-8:45 PM. it will cost \$40 for 7 classes.

Other

Mancino noted that people keep referring to placing the Skate Park near the Fire Station. She wondered if we could see this area. Mr. Stopp noted that the City does not own property there that could be used for a skate park.

Ganim suggested adding the skate park where the kiddie park used to be located. Mr. D'Ambrosio noted that the horseshoe pits are there.

It was noted that there is not any monies in the budget to purchase equipment.

New Business

Other

Ivancic questioned whether there would be anything done to improve the kiddie area at Coulby Pool this year (the flooring). Mr. Stopp noted that this is in the works... they are presently reviewing samples of a new material.

Also, there are discussions regarding soccer field sizes w/ Mr. Tenent per Ohio soccer standardization regulations. These changes should be in effect for the fall season.

Announcements

Next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9th, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Volunteers are still needed for the Egg Hunt. Contact the Recreation Department if able to help.

Action Items

It was suggested that an Action Items area be added to the minutes. There were no new action items at this month's meeting.

Person Responsible:	Action Item
Ganim	contact Lake Hospital regarding Open House/ Recreation/ Health-Fitness Fair
Lorenzo	begin planning for "nearly new" sale
All	research / brainstorm ideas for Open House/ Recreation/ Health-Fitness Fair New Recreation Programs/Activities

Adjournment

Motion:	Motion by Ganim, seconded by Ivancic, 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