

**HUNTINGTON WOODS PARKS AND RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
TUESDAY, October 27, 2020  
7:30 pm  
Remote Meeting**

Members Present: M. Gustafson, J. Aisen, F. Spencer, M. Ceaser, A. Philko, J. Zieldorff, K. Tarnopol, J. Steinhart

Members Absent: S. Cohen

- I. Call to Order by Chair, Jeff Aisen, 7:33pm
- II. Approval of Agenda for October 27, 2020, Unanimous approval
- III. Approval of Minutes from September 29, 2020, Unanimous approval
- IV. Correspondence - None
- V. Public Participation - None
- VI. Items of Business
  - a. Advisory Board Statement of Support – Regarding Val Jones Skatepark, Kim read a letter about her positive experiences with the skatepark and the diverse group of people who use the park who are respectful of the park and benefit from it. Kim and other members are opposed to restricting access to the park to only residents. Graffiti was removed from the park and the city is looking to install security cameras. The board has unanimously adopted Kim’s letter as its statement of support of the park. The letter will be sent to the City Commission as official communication.
  - b. 2021 Program Rates (Pool/Latchkey/Swim Team/Camp/Preschool) – Two percent increase will cover minimum wage increase, three percent will cover operations expenses, five percent will cover credit card processing fees. Youth Assistance through Berkley Schools has provided financial support for families for programming. Payment plans have been arranged in the past for families that may be unable to pay the monthly rates in full. Resident Claire Galed asked if increased prices will cover additional cleaning services and Mary said that it would. Camp, latchkey and pool rates will be increased by 5% with appropriate rounding. Daily rates to the pool will not be increased. Motion by Kim and second by Frank. Unanimous approval.
  - c. 2021 Board Nominations for November election – Frank nominated for chair. Kim nominated herself for vice chair. Alexa and Mia volunteered for secretary. Candidates for vacant seat are currently being interviewed by city commission.
- VII. Department Update
  - a. Baseball Field Upgrade Estimate – Cost per field is \$18,500 each and \$7,850 to reduce size of each field. More shallow 3” upgrade would reduce the cost but would not address longer term issues with rocks. This upgrade may require external funding.
  - b. Reynolds Park Fitness Equipment – City is resubmitting funding request to Men’s Club.

- c. Misc. – Flu shot clinic has been popular. Teen activities included Clue and tie dye shirt event and meetings are happening every other week. Pumpkin carving event this past week. Hay day was popular. Friday food trucks have been very successful. Pickleball and tennis court nets will be left up for the winter. Jessica recommended skateboard clinics at Val Jones in the future to increase use of the park by residents.

VIII. Plan of Action for next Meeting – November 17<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting.

IX. Board Member Comments - None

X. Adjournment, 8:28pm, J. Aisen