

CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES APPROVED

February 15, 2022

7:30 p.m.

In-Person Meeting – Gillham Recreation Center

Kim Tarnopol called the Meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

PRESENT: K. Vanraaphorst, R. Serman, K. Tarnopol, S. Potter, M. Ceasar, J. Steinhart

City Staff Present: Tracy Shanley

ABSENT: J. Aisen (excused), J. Egan (excused), Commissioner Rozell (excused)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2022

S. Potter moved, R. Serman second

APPROVAL OF MINTUES FOR OCTOBER 26, 2021

J. Steinhart moved, S. Potter second

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- a. Welcome new board members

Rachel Serman, Kyle Vanraaphorst, and Joseph Egan are new members of the advisory board. Joe Rozell is the new City Commission representative.

- b. Men’s Club Auction Project Selection

Selected Men’s Club Field as project for the auction – project will include drainage and regrade and a review of the baseball diamond, topographical study ordered, funding for sprinkler system being evaluated, SOCS has been in conversation with Parks and Rec about providing supplementary funding

- c. Reynold’s Park Update

Equipment has been received by construction company, ready for renovation when weather improves, Park and Rec planning ribbon cutting/ceremony.

- d. Staffing concerns for summer

Worried about competitive wage for summer staff especially with increasing capacity for pool and camps, wage is lower than surrounding communities, recommendation to offer non-monetary incentives to summer staff

DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

- City received grant through State of Michigan for licensed childcare program (latchkey and preschool) – financial incentives to support staff during pandemic, crediting families for when programs were shut down due to pandemic, buy equipment for programs.
- Fruit camp lottery – camps are full, looking to revamp preschool camps because not everyone got a spot in the lottery
- Classes – enrollment going well
- Public safety is going to do active shooter training at end of February
- mParks conference in Traverse City – attendance by Parks and Rec
- Daddy Daughter dance – sold out
- 4th of July planning – bringing back hot dog roast (Advisory Board), fireworks are tentative as Run Walk Boom is not moving forward, Parks and Rec brainstorming other ideas for fundraising, proposed bringing parade back to old route with end at Burton Field

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Claire Galed – How do we encourage residents to create floats? Tracy said this is already being looked into, suggestion to reward float competition with block party supplies (ie BBQ and picnic tables)

PLAN OF ACTION FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Updates on 4th of July
- b. Policy Review of Parks Use Policy

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- R. Serman – encourage more block parties, add information about block parties in the Hometown Herald
- J. Steinhart – asked for update on the mask mandate and continued review of the Parks Use Policy, Tracy said have been following mask rules implemented by Berkley Building Blocks and school district, Parks and Rec must follow local policies for licensed programs

ADJOURNMENT:

S. Potter (move), R. Serman (second) - 8:15pm