

**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CAUCUS ROOM**

Present: Chairperson Kathleen Kapusta
Councilperson Dr. Carl Asseff
Councilperson Jim Trakas

Also Present: Vice Mayor Dave Grendel
Councilperson Dale Veverka
Recreation Director Tom Walchanowicz
Recreation Department – Eric Sarley
Procurement Coordinator Dennis Zdolshek

Chairperson Kapusta called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Chairperson Kapusta said we will start with the approval of the Minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting.

Moved by Asseff seconded by Trakas, to approve the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting of March 19, 2019. Voice Vote: 3 yes/0 no; motion carried.

Chairperson Kapusta said the Minutes have been approved. Would it be agreeable, we actually have some reports that will be done in absentia today; so would it be agreeable since Dennis is here that we can begin with the Community Services report? Is that alright with everyone?

Procurement Coordinator Dennis Zdolshek said I have been working with Marilyn on the improvements to the Community Services' center, primarily the banquet rooms and the restrooms and the hallway area. If you have any questions as I go along, just holler and stop me.

We were working with a designer who helped us pick out different materials, not only for the material itself, but also for the colors. Her goal was to get something that would stand the test of time, being somewhat conservative, in style over a long period of time.

I will start with the floor coverings. To replace the parquet floor we are going with a, it's a wood laminate. It's the same height as the carpet that will also go in there. So, we will no longer need the transition strips, which according to ADA, it's a much better product because you don't have the issues of trip and fall and whatever. It is a very high end laminate. It is LBT. It has some give to it. It does not need any maintenance other than cleaning with a wet mop.

Councilperson Asseff asked is it real wood?

Mr. Zdolshek said no it isn't. It is a vinyl.

Councilperson Trakas said I get a little worried about that in terms of its performance. I used to sell Nature Stone floors. I did flooring for a long time.

Mr. Zdolshek said it has a 20 year warranty. The color is actually into the material itself. It is not a laminated product. It sits on the top.

Councilperson Trakas said that's what I was worried about.

Mr. Zdolshek said with the carpet, and the carpet is exactly the same height. It will match up so you won't have, there won't be a need for a transition strip. This is a glued down product that is able to release. So, if you do have a bad tile, someone would spill ink on there, you could pull it out and replace it with another one. There will be between 2% and 5% backroom stock just for that; and it's just typically the way all jobs are measured. One reason why this material was chosen, a lot of carpet tiles and fabrics, the dye sits on the fabric itself. This, the dye is through each fiber. The easiest way to clean this, and this is the manufacturer's recommendation, flush it with water, use an extractor to get the stain out. Just keep doing it until it's clear. You don't need chemicals or anything to clean it. We did a test where we poured coffee on this, the coffee will not seep through. It sits on the top and basically that's why they say you just flood it with the water, and it will come out.

Councilperson Asseff asked how about non-water soluble stuff?

Mr. Zdolshek said anything.

Councilperson Asseff asked greases?

Mr. Zdolshek said anything. Well with the grease they suggest using something like Dawn, like a dishwashing soap; but you don't really need anything harsh. This will also hold up to chlorine. One of Marilyn's points was that we have the kids come in there from summer playground and sitting on it with their bathing suits. Chlorine does not pose any risk or problems with this item.

There are actually two patterns that will be going in there. This pattern will go along the outside of the room. We are going to keep kind of the same picture frame thing, and this will go in the center where the dance floor currently is and maintain the same footprint. This one has vertical and horizontal, this one is more of a horizontal pattern; and that will be in the center. This is only in a square tile, but when they sent the samples out because I had sent everything back after we made our selections; this is what they had gotten to us.

Chairperson Kapusta asked what size square Dennis, do you know?

Mr. Zdolshek said they are 24" by 24".

Councilperson Trakas asked what's the backing going to be?

Mr. Zdolshek said I'm not exactly sure. It's almost like a fiberglass resin.

Councilperson Trakas asked this is the backing?

Mr. Zdolshek said that is the backing.

Councilperson Trakas asked, we aren't putting down another layer of backing underneath this?

Mr. Zdolshek replied no. You don't need any padding or anything like that. The glue that is used, it's a releasable product. It takes some work to peel it up; but it does make it so if there is a tile that is damaged, you can lift it out and take it up. Another thing about this tile, the manufacturer maintains this product's style in a computer generated form so even 15 years from now, they don't have this on the floor in stock, they can make it up from scratch. I think in 15 years we would probably be at the point we are today where we are looking to change it.

The next thing which she helped us with the wall colors; first of all, the picture framing that is on the wall around the sconces, that's going to be removed. The idea for removing it is she said it would give the appearance of more height to the room, and she thought it would be an added change.

Chairperson Kapusta asked so the sconces stay, just the framing around?

Mr. Zdolshek said the framing is removed. We are going to add a chair rail. The chair rail is going to be added by Technical Service. It will be the same style chair rail that's in the Willow Room. One of the reasons for that is that when the tables butt up against the wall, we don't get it beat up. The wall color will be two colors. It will be the darker color below the chair rail, and the lighter color above it.

The wall sconces are going to be changed. These are actually a little bit taller and longer, which will also add to the appearance of height to the room.

Councilperson Asseff asked how many sconces are going to be there?

Mr. Zdolshek said there are 12 sconces, there are 4 in each room.

Councilperson Trakas said they are made in the USA, good work on that.

Mr. Zdolshek said well I know that it's something that we try; and does add to the cost, but now that the tariffs that are being imposed I don't know, it's kind of like a wash. Even if it is a little bit more money, that's one of our goals.

On this project Technical Service is going to try to do a number of things in-house. They are going to do some of the demolition which will involve removing the picture framing of the wood trim. Technical Service will remove the existing wall sconces and put in the new wall sconces. Currently we are working on replacing all the lights that are in the ceiling, the 2' x 2' drop ins with LED. We are also working on a rebate from the manufacturer on that. Basically, those

fixtures cost maybe \$100 apiece, and there's a \$16 rebate on it. I think Dave had done some research on to the payback; and he figures it's like a 4 to 5 year payback just on the electrical savings alone. With these new drop in 7 fixtures, they all come dimmable; so we will be able to dim the lights. I don't know how much need there is for that, but it's a nice option and feature to have I think.

Councilperson Veverka asked does that include replacing the dimmer?

Mr. Zdolshek said Dave said he thinks we can use the dimmers that are in place there currently.

Councilperson Veverka said okay because I know we ran into an issue at our church that LED's, the compatibility with certain dimmers wasn't there.

Mr. Zdolshek said you know I have the, actually the manufacturer sent a representative out to make recommendations as to what type of lighting to go in there. She had taken a look at them, and she felt that they would be adequate. I guess it's all based on the amount of voltage, it's a little bit more above my pay grade to figure out. She said she thought they would work. I am sure Dave will take a look at that.

One thing we are also considering, and we are going to get a couple of prices from a couple of electrical contractors to see what their cost would be with the installation just because this is kind of like a time sensitive project; and if it's not extremely exorbitant, we might go that route. We will certainly look into it.

Chairperson Kapusta said and you mentioned time sensitive, are we still on track Dennis to being able to do the timeframe?

Mr. Zdolshek said yes. Community Services, those rooms will be closed off beginning August 12th and re-opened on September 3rd. I have met with all the manufacturers, and all the items have been ordered. Most were saying 4 to 6 weeks, but we have more than ample time to get everything in. Part of the process, my intentions are to do with this project; we are going to meet about the middle of July with all the contractors, Technical Service, all the parties that are involved with this. This is part of the project management training that all of the departments had taken. That initial meeting will be to coordinate things between the different contractors, make sure that everyone who is in the building is aware of what is going on so they can make adjustments if it will affect them at all. On the Recreation side, the bathrooms will be closed down on Community Services' side for the 3 week period, so Recreation needs to be aware of it so they can make adjustments like that.

Some of the ways that we decided to save some money is we are going to like something simple as the demolition. Technical Service will do some of the demolition. Service Department is going to supply the dumpsters because if we had the contractors supply the dumpsters, that would be an added cost; and there's a certain markup to that. So, we tried to do our due diligence when it came to the pricing.

One of the other rooms, it's a project that is going to go on is for the Willow Room, we are going to re-cover all the seats with the vinyl material. Unfortunately, I have just a small sample. That is the color. They are also going to do the padding in the seats. The company that is doing them, they have been fully vetted. They do a lot of theaters, a lot of work. They have worked at Cleveland Playhouse, Baldwin Wallace. They will pick up the seats on August 12th, take them to their shop, refurbish them there, store them there until we are ready to have them installed. In the Willow Room we are also going to replace the carpeting in there, and the vinyl flooring will also be redone in there.

Chairperson Kapusta asked with the same?

Mr. Zdolshek said the same carpet, and the Willow Room will also be painted. It's basically going to be the same as in the banquet rooms across the way. Those lights have already been updated in there. Those are all LED currently. The shades in there have also been recently replaced in the last year.

The next room is both restrooms. This is the floor tile that has been chosen. The existing tile that is in there is going to be all taken off the floor. It's going to be noisy, and it's going to raise some dust, and it's going to take some time, but it is the best way to put the tile down. We went with a smaller tile because if there are any imperfections in the floor, it's a lot easier for them to be adjusted with a small tile instead of a large tile. If you have a big tile in there and have a little high spot, it's more inclined to get the rocking back and forth, and because of the floor drain that's in there, that's why we are going with that.

Councilperson Trakas asked are you replacing the part of the wall that looks like the old tile too?

Mr. Zdolshek said the cove, yes, that will also be replaced with matching base cove. This is the tile that was selected for the wall. It will be a staggered pattern. This is going to go over the existing wall tile. The existing wall tile will be kind of scuffed up to ensure that you get a good contact when they put the cement on there. The contractor that has this, it is Precision Tile. Actually it's a resident of ours. There were 3 bids on it, and Billy Johnson came in as the lowest bidder. He did the locker rooms and the pool and did a very nice job. He's on time, and Tom said he would use him again. That's how I always judge. If I would use them again, that's the biggest testimony you can get.

Councilperson Asseff said I have one question. Does the covering come perforated? In the cars you have the naugahydes and things, and those seats are perforated so that they breathe better, they don't let the heat in.

Mr. Zdolshek said you know, I do not know. I will find out about it.

Councilperson Asseff said you have people sitting there for a long period of time, and you get heat buildup.

Councilperson Veverka said well I think one of the questions was whether or not the seats would easily get soiled.

Councilperson Asseff said I'm not talking about that.

Councilperson Veverka said understood, but I think that was a concern. Wasn't it related to?

Chairperson Kapusta said but you could still use this material.

Mr. Zdolshek said I will look at it, and maybe if it would be something that if perforation is an option, maybe we just do it on the back of the seats as opposed to the seat itself. It is something I will certainly look into.

Councilperson Asseff said see what product is out there, the same type product so that it gives us durability, but it would be a much more comfortable seat if you are there 2 or 3 hours sitting.

Mr. Zdolshek said both restrooms we are going to replace the stalls or partitions. We are going with a solid plastic.

Councilperson Veverka said Dennis while you are passing these, the other question I had related to the seat coverings. When we do something like this, do we have extra fabric that we have on hand in case it gets perforated, poked; that's not a problem when you have a cloth seat cover.

Mr. Zdolshek said no I don't, and that's a great question. I will ask if we can either find out. All these materials, they give you like 2%, they figure in extra, which automatically goes to the purchaser. I will find out. I know that these can be repaired. The company that is doing the installation, that is one of their things. They also do renovations and repairs and that; but if it's something we can do in house, that would probably also be something we would want to consider. I will look into that. Dale, that is a good point.

The partitions, basically we are going to keep the same footprint that we currently have in there because part of the process is we have, the plumbing contractor will remove all the fixtures. He will rebuild the flushing mechanisms on there. They will do the tile work. He will come back and re-set the fixtures, and then the partition company will come in; and they will put them in the same footprint because if we were to make the stalls larger or whatever, that would require extensive plumbing; and it just wasn't practical. They are ADA compliant, and there's more stall in there; so we are okay there. One of the things that we are going to do with the countertop, and a decision still hasn't been made, depending on.

Chairperson Kapusta said can I ask one more question about the commodes. Obviously, in the handicapped stall they will be higher, the others will be just the standard?

Mr. Zdolshek said that is correct. They will remain where they are.

Councilperson Veverka said and the suggestion there is because we have so many folks that are older that use that facility, low toilets aren't necessarily a wonderful thing. Is there a reason?

Mr. Zdolshek said I could look into see if we can, if there is something that has a higher profile that would match the existing plumbing in there. I know that was, one of the things that the

plumber had said was that if we change the toilets; and that's why we were just going to retrofit what we have in there. I will certainly, and Dale there are so many things you can retrofit today. That might be an option.

Chairperson Kapusta said I think it might be worth it. That's why I asked because we do have. I realize we have little people using them too; so we can't make them all bigger.

Mr. Zdolshek said maybe the 2 on the end or something.

Chairperson Kapusta said that's what I was thinking.

Mr. Zdolshek said and then to accommodate the children that are in there. One of the sinks will be lowered to what they call an elementary school height, which is 28 inches. Hopefully, that will alleviate some of the water. Today I was in there with one of the contractors doing some measurements; and there's a lot of water that gets spilled in there. Hopefully, that will help with that.

Another thing that we are looking at that's basically determined by the cost is whether or not we just replace the sinks and get an under mount sink where the water hopefully would be able to kind of force it into the bowl. The top mount sinks that we currently have, they have the lip where the water doesn't go.

Councilperson Trakas said it seems to be better maintenance, just an opinion.

Chairperson Kapusta said the lower sink for the children, will that then be handicapped height too so if we have someone in a wheelchair.

Mr. Zdolshek said that would even be lower than handicapped. So, the other sink will be ADA compliant; and what I have been told by local vendors is typically now what a lot of places do, they just make them all ADA compliant because you can have more than one disabled person in there. It just seemed to make more sense.

Both bathrooms are going to have the ceiling replaced. Basically, we are going with an Armstrong product. It is washable. It will not scratch easily. Food safe can be used in the health industry, restaurants, kitchens and so forth. I went with that product as opposed to like typical drop ceiling just because of the fact if somebody gets like a pin, they can scratch it or anything like that. This will prevent that, and also it is guaranteed against mold and mildew for 30 years, which there is water in there and moisture. You can't predict the future.

Chairperson Kapusta asked can we go back to the stalls? The ones that we have in there currently, metal right? You said these were going to be plastic. The reason we made, and I'm just asking, the reason we made the change from the metal to the plastic?

Mr. Zdolshek said and actually the metal is the least expensive, but the metal can be easily scratched. These are a lot harder to scratch.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the metal rusts. We changed a lot of those at the Civic Center.

Chairperson Kapusta said I understand that, and I have seen where people scratch them too. Being plastic there's no problems with cleanliness?

Mr. Zdolshek said the plastic is antibacterial, whatever that means. To what extent it is, and they just recommend cleaning it with a mild soap. You don't need anything specific.

Chairperson Kapusta asked and the color we are going with on these?

Mr. Zdolshek said the bone, and actually here is a sample.

Councilperson Trakas said it matches the floor pretty nicely too.

Mr. Zdolshek said the only other option on the countertop would be a Corian product, but it almost seems like it makes more sense to have the countertop match the partitions in the restrooms.

The hallway will also be done. In the hallway we are going to use this carpet here, and we are not going to put this picture frame or the center inserts. One of the reasons why is the designer said that by doing that, it makes the hallway seem narrower. Going with one all the way across, it will give a wider, the hallway will not be as tight.

Chairperson Kapusta said visually too I wonder because that hallway tends to be a little darker than our banquet rooms are, maybe for vision it is helpful to have it all one as opposed to more people when they are older and walking, this might be a little bit easier.

Mr. Zdolshek said we are also going to put LED lights, replace the lights in the hallway too which should make it brighter.

Getting back, one of the concerns Marilyn brought up a number of times was because of the fact that this is a glued down and removable product, they used this in nursing homes, healthcare, airports; and the same thing with this product here. It is used in nursing homes, hospitals and that. There are no issues with water getting between the seams or anything like that. That was one of the other reasons why we chose to go with a designer. She recently graduated from school, probably 10 years ago, which is recent to me. She was very current on the different products that are out there, what she thought would serve us the best; and she spent a lot of time here, saw the different events that we had going on and what she thought overall to meet all of our needs.

I guess that is about it. Does anyone have any questions?

Councilperson Trakas said when you have that meeting just emphasize whoever needs to go first is done, and if one person takes one extra day, and the whole schedule gets blown.

Mr. Zdolshek said correct, and I think that in a week we should have even some extra time in here allotted; but still none of the contractors are aware of that. Like I said everything is already being ordered. As a matter of fact, we are going to be ordering the light fixtures because those too take 4 to 6 weeks; and we can store them on site. The carpet will be stored, D&R was awarded the contract. They are in Old Brooklyn. I believe the family was the Frederick family who also had a retail carpet store, and they have done work for us in the past. The majority of the vendors have worked for us in the past.

Councilperson Trakas said Kathleen brought up a couple of points, while we are doing this, do we have any plans to create a higher illumination in that hallway? It is a little bit darker.

Mr. Zdolshek said the LED's, we are putting in LED lights; and actually it's a nice service that a lot of these vendors now have. The reps will come out to your site, and if you tell them what you want to accomplish. I know there's everything like the color of the light, the lumens of the light; there's a number of things to take into effect. If we would like to brighten that up in there, I am sure that we can find out. I will contact her and get her recommendation on it because she spent probably 2 hours with me just going through the Community Services.

Councilperson Trakas said that's the one thing people say, and the other thing is if there's any way with handrails or something for people who have walkers or something. I just think it may be, we get a number of those who go in that way; and if we can think about how that group of constituents, it might be something we might want to think about as well.

Chairperson Kapusta said I could see handrails, I know what you are saying Jim; but I can see that as having pros and cons because if we got the walkers going down the hall or the wheelchairs as we do; the handrails are going to narrow it then on both sides too. Then people are trying to push by. There is no easy or nice flow. So, I think you would have to look at that; but that's a good thing to evaluate at least.

Mr. Zdolshek said you know what one thing is, the chair rail that is in the Willow Room. It looks like it's a piece of woodwork that belongs there; and that might be an option for something like that.

Chairperson Kapusta said that's how they have them at the assisted living centers.

Mr. Zdolshek said it kind of blends in, but yet if somebody feels unsteady that's always there.

Councilperson Trakas said that would exactly be the type of thing, not too intrusive; but still at the same time if someone feels the need to do it, it might be something that might be beneficial for us.

Chairperson Kapusta said overall I still would like to evaluate the impact on narrowing the hallway because we do have a lot of walkers and wheelchairs going down there too.

Councilperson Trakas said a lot of traffic.

Mr. Zdolshek said and unfortunately you really need it on both sides because people have the tendency to walk to the right always.

Any other questions?

Chairperson Kapusta said well thank you very much.

Mr. Zdolshek said if you think of something after the fact, feel free to shoot me an e-mail or whatever. Like I said, July 1st I will probably start sending out e-mails to all of the principals who are involved and vendors that have been awarded contracts. I will make sure to do it all to Council and this committee.

Chairperson Kapusta said thank you Dennis. Thank you for your time.

Since we have a report from both Community Services and of course this meeting was scheduled when all the attendees were able to attend, but we have the Director of Community Services who is out on an extended sick leave; and then Angie who was going to give us our Drug Prevention report, we have a copy of that also. She had a last minute change in her schedule. So, that's what happened. So, having said that, before we look at those written, would Rec Department prefer to go first so then you can either stay or move on as your day allows?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I'm just going to touch base on a few things from what we have going here so far for the first half of the year.

On the first page, New Programs, we started a new program this year called Little Star Youth Gymnastics which we saw in Middleburg Heights; and Linda Farace contacted them on this and got this the ball rolling. We tried to get her in last year, but she was booked up and she finally had an opening. So, she has been doing programs in our facility; and the past session she had 23 participants. We have had 3 sessions so far, and each session had between 18 and 23 participants.

Eric Sarley said the last one had 27.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said this is one of the things that a couple of our residents asked us about because they saw this at another facility. We did our due diligence and secured her at our facility. So, it's working out nice.

Chairperson Kapusta said 23 is a good first program.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said actually 27 was first, and then it was 17 and 23 was the last one. She has done 3 sessions so far.

Our winter flag football for 5th and 6th graders, Jim Wotowiec ran this. We had 21 participants. Currently we have a summer flag football program going with our coaches. Again, Jim Wotowiec lined this all up. This is for 5th through 8th graders, and we have 32 participants currently; and this is taking place over at our turf field. It is nice to be able to work with the school coaches and use their facilities also.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked if the winter flag football program was at the turf field also?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said that was in the Fieldhouse.

Linda worked on the guided meditation class.

Councilperson Trakas asked can you enlighten me as to guided meditation? I don't remember talking about that.

Eric Sarley said so Linda brought that on. Cindy Moffitt who is a resident runs the class. We do it in the Oak Rooms. Basically, it's like an intro to meditation; but it's kind of along the line with the Indy Fit stuff she does. She brings people in, and they talk about the health benefits of it. It's like a health thing, that aspect of it rather than just like trying meditation for the first time. It's all ages. I know families have done it and seniors have done it.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we signed up for the session she had. It was really interesting. It was nice that the kids went through it too. Cindy Moffitt is a resident. She came to us with this, and we advertised it for her and put it into play.

Mr. Sarley said it seems like she has a lot of medical background on it. It's for people who have never tried it.

Several people began speaking at once.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said and then April is continuing aquatic classes. There were 19 punch passes sold, plus we have guests that are also going with this because this is considered part of our aerobic programs so we allow non-residents into the program.

This past spring we did another partnership, and again Linda Farace handled this one, with the Cleveland Clinic and Indy Fit. We had 70 plus participants, and again it's with the Cleveland Clinic. It was an 8 week program, and it turned out very successfully. I didn't figure how much weight was lost because there was a thing in the first class you weigh in and the last class you weigh in. It was a very successful program again, and we will partner up again probably in the fall with another session with the Cleveland Clinic.

Chairperson Kapusta asked do we have any sense of how many are our residents versus the Clinic or outside?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said if I am not mistaken, we had almost 50% Independence residents with this.

Chairperson Kapusta said it's another option for our residents.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said going on. I am just giving a little plug for Jim Wotowiec. Again, I can't say enough about him. He is very into the ICAN program, and he gets a lot of things going. This Glee Club, again I always go to the last class which is kind of a

performance class. It's neat to see these kids all so excited to do their last performance and afterwards have a pizza party. It's a really neat thing to see. If anybody ever has a chance at least go to one of their last performances classes. It's really neat to see how excited they get and what they can do. So, again he has the Glee Club and the Talent Show. We have adaptive fitness classes, the bowling on Saturdays at Seven Hills Lanes. He has been doing holiday themed dances, Cinco De Mayo, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's dance, all of this stuff. We are offering a lot of stuff for our special needs kids. I guess I want to say too that we are doing a lot more than a lot of cities do. We have dinner at Harry's Steak House once a month if not sometimes twice. They sent me a picture last night. Benny stood up, and they all do a prayer before they eat; and Benny did a big, long speech. It's nice to see, and most of these are residents. We have a lot of residents in town, and they participate in this. They have karaoke nights, our Walkers Club and kickball. We have softball coming up; and Therese Piskach too does a lot of night stuff. She does a lot of Friday evening programs, and sometimes she walks them around the park, plays kickball and sometimes on the tennis courts. She is really into it too. So, between Jim Wotowiec heading it up and Therese, it's great.

Chairperson Kapusta said you say Tom our kids, but I do believe this is for our 18 and over.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I still call them kids.

Chairperson Kapusta said that's okay. I would just like to point that out because, and you comment about a lot of them are our residents. I wouldn't care if we had 5 that were only our residents to be honest with you because this is the most under-served population as far as activities. Once the special needs folks age out of the school system, and they can do that at 22 with extended graduation, there's nothing for them, very little I should say in terms of social and interaction. I think that we are offering this, and you made the comment to offering more than most cities; I don't know if other cities are offering almost anything for this age population. So, I think that's amazing, and of course, knowing Jim personally we are so blessed. There couldn't be a better person in my opinion doing that with his special ed background and everything and his education background as an educator.

The other thing I was wondering is, just out of curiosity, I wonder if Jim ever wrote this up for presentation anywhere at a professional conference or a municipal conference.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said that's funny you say that because every year we have the Ohio Parks & Rec conference in Sandusky, it's usually at Kalahari and that's where it is again this year where all recreational professionals go. Last year they had 1,500 people attend. Every year it's been going up. I got Jim to sign up as a rep from our City to do a class.

Chairperson Kapusta asked so this will be in 2020?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the end of January, beginning of February.

Chairperson Kapusta said that's great, and then the other thing that came to my mind as you were speaking and knowing Jim maybe he's already done this; has he researched any grant money for this? Again, because of the uniqueness of it and the population that it serves, it might be worth it

if he hasn't already and maybe Jim has. I think it would be worth it. I think it's a remarkable program, and I hope we can get it written up more and in our local papers and things too.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said right.

Going on here, and Little League for this year. I tell you, we are having a really trying year for our Little League. So many games have been canceled. This weather is for ducks. Dmitri has been doing the best that he can to get these games re-scheduled, but there's a lot of them. We are just going to have to start skipping some games. It's hard to make all these games up. We just don't have enough time in the day, and then you get people going on vacations in July and August. It's hard to extend the season.

Councilperson Trakas said I was going to say, can you extend the season or not?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said it's hard because there are a lot of people who go on vacation, and then our other programs start like soccer and the school has theirs. We are pushing as much as we can into July, but we can only go so far.

Just looking at some numbers here, in 2017 we had 454, 2018 we had 475, 2019 was 479; so we are on a steady little increase. What I want to look at here though and just point out is that the Kick Start; and that's for the 3 to 4 year olds. There were 46, 55, 61, and that's Claudia Duhan. I just want to mention her name. She does a great job with that. She heads that up, and one of the reasons why she heads that up, we have her doing that, is because she does almost all of the young kids programs so she knows all these parents and the kids. They just love her. The Mayor's not here, but I was going to thank him for letting her again do that for our department because I know they were talking about she's too busy, she can't do all of that; but I got them to again let her be head of this program. So, she heads it up, and what we have is our part-time staff who assists her like the kids who are involved in baseball. We have a lot of our high school sport kids who work for us. They help her out with this program on Saturdays. So, it's a combination, but Claudia is the big one. As you can see, it's been getting more and more popular every year.

Chairperson Kapusta said the familiarity that they have with her helps. I would also take note too that I think that as we see these numbers increasing, concomitantly I think we are seeing an decrease in school age population children in some of our groups, at least I have been told that by one of the Board members. I think that is significant too to realize that if our numbers of total population in these ages are going down; yet we are seeing an increase here, it's pretty good.

Vice Mayor Grendel said this doesn't include travel.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I was just going to say this does not include any travel.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said and the thing is too we have more and more travel because what's going on now is that some of the kids, it used to be Independence travel so there

were more City of Independence kids on the travel. Well now what is going on is sometimes people don't get along with one another so they start breaking out into some other travel programs. Sometimes we will get 4 Independence 11 year olds who go and join up with Brecksville. They still use, but they have to pay a little bit for our facilities because we have a price structure; but they are starting to spread out too.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it's getting like the AU programs with basketball or JO with volleyball. They are highly competitive. Parents are pushing their kids into it. My grandson is 9 years old, and he plays in 3 different leagues. I don't know if you saw that video yesterday with that fight that broke out in Colorado.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said someone sent it to me, but I didn't get to see it.

Vice Mayor Grendel said there was one guy who is still on the loose who sucker punched somebody. They showed him sucker punching someone. It was a 13 year old kid who was the umpire, and they were going to assault him. These are parents, but that's how competitive they are. I go to these games now, and they are in more rural Ohio; but these parents are merciful. Kids are crying and everything, and they are 9 years old; and the pressure that they put on them.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairperson Kapusta said our daughter went to get her certification to be a referee for youth basketball, and she is a sports addict; and she says the parents make it untenable.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we have our issues, believe me. That's why Dmitri has to be there. Like Valley View and Brecksville, they have somebody in charge there all the time. They just don't have the umpires or referees running games anymore; you have a person sitting there controlling the crowd.

Chairperson Kapusta said I'm sure it impacts your ability to get coaches too because they think do I really want to put up with this?

Councilperson Asseff said it's a sad commentary, the degradation of society and what they are doing.

Vice Mayor Grendel said respect has taken a huge hit over the years.

Councilperson Trakas said I was an umpire for one inglorious season, I think 1978; and that was the end of that. I would never do that again. It was the parents. The kids were awesome.

Councilperson Asseff said the kids could care less.

Councilperson Trakas said they wanted to get their ice cream.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the bottom column is just the breakdown of some of our stuff.

In going on to Capital Improvements, one of the big things we did this past spring was Mr. Kunevicius from Brettin donated a nice gazebo that he had; and we kind of rehabbed it, put a new roof on it. We found a nice home for it by the pond, and so now the pond is handicapped accessible as far as if you have a wheelchair you can wheel out to the wall, before there was no way for someone to go out there.

Councilperson Veverka said that was very nice during the fishing derby. You could actually keep your feet dry behind the wall.

Vice Mayor Grendel said there were a lot of photo opportunities now. There are all kind of places to take pictures.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Mr. Sarley said with prom, the gazebo had been there like 2 days, and there were all kind of people taking photos.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said you can see the finished product. We just have to get a bench for the inside of it yet.

Chairperson Kapusta asked, and Tom are we going to put something to acknowledge Mr. Kunevicius?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said yes, I talked to the Mayor; we are going to get Mr. Kunevicius down there and take a picture with him by it.

Several people said like a little plaque or something like that.

Councilperson Trakas said a bronze plaque or something like that.

Chairperson Kapusta said I would like to see that. It's very generous of him.

Councilperson Trakas said he has a Silver Star for being in World War II, this guy is a pretty amazing man.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said and then obviously we fixed up the wall too, that wall was looking drab. The wall was from the late 1950's or early 1960's.

Councilperson Trakas said we got our wear out of it.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said it's still in very good shape too. We didn't have to replace much of it. We did a little tuck pointing on it. We stained it and put a nice cap stone on it too.

Going on, we had to replace our indoor chemical control feed units. So, this past spring we did that. We replaced our 15 year old Chemtrol units, and now these new units, in fact they just came out with these units; they are state of the art. They e-mail April and myself if they go into alarm mode, and we can make adjustments over our computer or over our phone. They are really modern technology. So far they have been working out real nice, and later on in my presentation here I am going to talk about the outdoor pool because we want to upgrade those down there too. This is what we have on our computer and on our phones.

Councilperson Trakas asked what type of alerts do you get?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said like if the pool goes into low chlorine alarm, we get an alert that says whirlpool spa is falling below the set point or the pH is going above the set point. Temperature, chlorine, pH, those are the 3, and outflow; there are 4 big things that we get alerts on.

Chairperson Kapusta asked how old were the units that were replaced?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the ones that were replaced, they were 15 years old.

Chairperson Kapusta asked do they have a life expectancy on these?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said there's really no life expectancy, it all depends. These were year around units so these units were operating year around. The outdoor units only go 3 months. So, from what they tell us, we are lucky we got 15 years out of these. They are on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We made an upgrade to our Diamond 1 scoreboard. There were some issues that were starting to come up with the scoreboard. Remember, believe it or not, these scoreboards now are from 2001; so they are almost going on 20 years old. So, we upgraded the Diamond 1 scoreboard, and we are actually keeping it to save it for parts for the other 3 that we have running. The reason why we did Diamond 1 first also because we play flag football out there; and this past flag football season we had a small portable clock and people were constantly complaining that they couldn't see. So, we upgraded this scoreboard. It has a score clock on it now so when we have flag football that's going to be a big improvement for that program. We also went with larger digits because that was one of the things. When you were sitting back at the stands during baseball games and the sun was bright, the numbers were hard to see. So we went with the next largest digits so they are nice and bright. If you go out there you can see for yourself when all 3 fields are on. When you look at Diamond 1, it's a real big difference from the other 2 diamonds out there. So, that was a big improvement for us.

Then at the beginning of this year we got our new utility vehicle, and we retrofitted it now. It is our main line ballfield unit. So, it has the ball diamond groomer on it, and we bought a cargo rack for this. All the items that the field person needs for doing the ball diamonds are all on one unit now; and it's all safe. Our old gator was sticking out wide, and they had to drive down sidewalks; and it was hanging over, and they were hitting it. So, this makes it a lot nicer. Everything is mounted, and it's mounted safely on it. Probably the most important thing is that

the operator, our employee, are in a cab environment rather than being out in the dust and breathing that dust in the field constantly.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked do they use that outside of the Rec Department because I thought I saw it on our street.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said on Stone Road, we go up to the Stone Road fields because we still use the front loader for practices.

Then over at the Civic Center we got some new pieces of equipment. We got Precor and Octane, and then we got 4 Lemond Revmaster Pro Cycling spin bikes.

Just to mention, this was done this past spring also. We had the benches up in the aerobic room, and I am not sure exactly, I was trying to think who actually came up with the idea; but someone came up with the idea, I don't remember if it was Linda or if it was one of the aerobic instructors; but they said boy you have those benches there, and that would be a nice area for storage. To make a long story short, we redid these benches, and actually Paul Kirchner was the main person who did this. We took the permanent tops that were on there and took them off, and he retrofitted and made nice, it's almost like a toy box, top where they open now. We have this for storage. We increased our storage space up there. A lot of the stuff used to be out and around the floor in the aerobic rooms and it's now inside in some type of storage box.

Chairperson Kapusta said whoever had that idea, that was good.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said now I just want to go on to Capital, and Eric can you show that.

We were out today around the playground and we were looking. We have the playground Phase 2 coming up at the end of this year and into next year; and I just wanted to show. This was today out through the rain. I just want to show a couple of things. This is after a rain, and as you can see, this is all the new area; and as you can see, there's no water standing anywhere around. This is all the old area because and this is what I mean. There's a lot of work that needs to be done. As you can see, this is what we have in all the other old areas of the playground and how the mulch is washing. There's all the standing water on the sidewalks.

Councilperson Trakas asked where's that coming from?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said from all the rain today. The water is coming from all around.

Councilperson Asseff asked what's your drainage differences between the old and the new?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we put a lot of drainage in all the new stuff. All this whole area really didn't have drainage. As you can see all around the building.

Councilperson Asseff said that's a lot of water.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I just wanted to point that out because this is why we are going to ask for a little bit more money for next year for this Phase 2 of the playground; and I am just showing you why because we are trying to alleviate all of these issues that we have out there. I just wanted to point that out.

Vice Mayor Grendel said Tom, the \$35,000 for Liberty playground equipment this year, and \$25,000 next year, you are wanting to add that?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I wanted to add that. Then what I wanted to do here was, everything in yellow is a change okay. So, what I want to do, we put some money into our floor scrubber at the Fieldhouse so I want to move that \$15,000 into 2021. So, that would help save some for next year.

Councilperson Asseff said I have one question for you Tom on that bocce court, why is that \$75,000? That seems like a high number.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we did do that in 2 years, but then, it was supposed to be 2 years. Then last year we took the money for the bocce ball court and put it towards the tennis courts and pickle ball courts and redid those. So, the \$75,000 is for the bocce ball courts which we are going to do at the end of this year. That's going to be upgrading those courts which haven't been upgraded since 1986. It's been a long time.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we were just married then.

Chairperson Kapusta said can you tell us maybe to get more to Councilperson Asseff's point, what will that involve?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said it's going to involve drainage, new surface in the bocce ball courts themselves and all the surrounds. Right now it's wolmanized wood. The wood is all rotted, it's rotting, it's all warped. If you walk out there, you will say this is bad.

Chairperson Kapusta said and people get splinters in that wood constantly.

Councilperson Asseff asked what are you going to replace it with?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we are looking at going with instead of a wood, we are going to go with a brick. They will last a lot longer.

Chairperson Kapusta asked is there any way, I watch the people on those courts because I play, and our older people, as they get off the courts to go down to the grass area, especially on the end ones; it's pretty dangerous. Is there any way to lower the courts or build up the surround areas. Do you know what I am saying? I am watching them, and a couple of times I thought we were having people who were going to take a spill. I know we aren't responsible for everything, but I figured now while we were doing it.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said well another possibility, and I was going to get together with the people who play bocce ball to get some of their input of what they want to see. We have seen a lot of courts, and they actually have a sidewalk all around them so that people are walking on the sidewalk; and then we can make a path going to the main sidewalk. So, that's an option maybe. That would help out. I don't know. The problem is we can't lower the courts now because they have cement footer all around them. I didn't want to touch that cement footer.

Chairperson Kapusta said I didn't know what's viable, but I am just saying for safety reasons, I just think if there is anything. If not, then there isn't, but I think we should look at it while we are doing them.

Councilperson Trakas said along those lines, this isn't really your domain, but out of curiosity what your thoughts were because you know a lot about this. Are we going to be needing any new or different equipment for all the work we are doing at the Civic Center, like cleaning equipment or maintenance equipment?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said no, I really don't think we should need anything else. We have a carpet extractor now. The one that we have is a fairly newer machine, and no I don't see us using anything else.

Councilperson Trakas said thanks.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked now is that bocce court is being utilized as much as, they had mixed couples league?

Chairperson Kapusta said they are Sundays, and the men's; and then Tuesdays is the couples. Wednesday we have more people than can play. They have more people than can play because we figured there was 24, and I think when I looked at our list we had about 37. So, people don't get to play every week even. It's very active.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I think it's a good idea that you get a survey from the people who utilize it before the improvements happen.

Councilperson Veverka said now can we go back to the playground for just a second. The seats that you have there, is there any way to have some kind of shade for some of them? I know my wife took the granddaughter to the playground and said there's not a lot of places where there's shade for the parents who are sitting. I just put that question out there.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we could put a couple of more structures out there. What I also want to do because we are doing it in phases; I want to plant more shade trees on that one end that faces the south so we get more shade from that way.

Councilperson Veverka said the other thing I kind of wondered about is like some kind of awning device that you could simply move based on the time of day, just over a single bench, tilt it whichever way.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said we could definitely look into that, sure.

So, at the top here, before John left, that's when he changed the \$25,000 to \$30,000 for exercise. I moved it up to 2024.

In 2022 I would like to add in for water feature replacement at our pool, another \$30,000; and then because the scoreboard for Diamond 1 and the pool controls which we were able to do; we were able to before John left, John was able to locate some capital money that were used for those. If we would do something, Leon does this; and we do this for the Civic Center, is putting in miscellaneous improvement \$8,000 each year so that the things that come up because back when John was here he wants us to use capital money for capital purchases such as the pool controllers and scoreboards. As everything is aging, it seems like something, we bought freezers this year. I know they are not a big ticket item, but \$4,000 or \$5,000 we paid for the double door, stainless steel commercial freezer. So, it seems like we have more as these facilities age; we are having to replace some of these higher priced capital pieces, and it's getting harder to find money that we have available. That's why, if it is possible, I would like to be able to put something like this in each year as we go forward.

Then another thing I know that we talked about that I want to throw back out there is restrooms by the Shared Use Facility. So, I put that in for 2024. Again, if we did do it, I would like to do it close to the Service Garage.

Chairperson Kapusta said and use that one wall you said. I remember.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said 3 sides and a roof on it and a floor we would use as the wall of the Service Department building and then all the utilities that are there. It would be the most inexpensive way to put the restrooms at that end of our campus. It would be on the east end of the Service Department building. It would be facing the Shared Use Facility soccer fields.

Vice Mayor Grendel said now the school's plans, they have those plans if possible, would that construction because you would hate to put something here if they are going to use those fields.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said from what I understand, at first they were looking at those fields, and now I heard that's out of the budget. It's going to go back over to the middle school parking lot, the middle school parking lot and the middle school practice football field. That's what I heard.

Chairperson Kapusta said also you have it out in 2024 so it's down the way.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it's closer to Kathy Lynn or that street where they are going to be building.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said right.

On the last page, this is under Publicly Owned Buildings & Lands; again in the yellow is what we are talking about, replace the gym floor in the Old Rec building. We have been having many

requests because that floor is VCT tile over cement, and it's really hard on the knees of a lot of our players. We looked at hardwood, and that will not be an option for us with just the way it is set up. So, Pulastic actually is the floor that we have in the Fieldhouse right now. So, that's probably the floor that we would go with over there. The price right now is around \$47,000 which is what we got from the flooring company to do that; and that's the same flooring company that did the Fieldhouse floors.

Chairperson Kapusta asked are those the original floors in the Fieldhouse now?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the Fieldhouse is original floors.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked now this would be for the Old Rec building because there's rentals and tables on there.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said this particular Pulastic is actually even a better generation than the Fieldhouse floors. It's even tougher and more resistant to scratches, black marks, tears and all that.

Vice Mayor Grendel said when I coached basketball at the high school, my knees would hurt me more at the Fieldhouse when we had practices there than on the wood.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the wood is the best, but because that court goes right up to the doors, you would have to ramp it to get the ADA the right incline. We had 2 different people out there that said no that there wouldn't be a feasible way to put hardwood in there.

Then going down here to the outdoor pool facility; if you look at all of our buildings that we have, publicly owned buildings, we have nothing for the outdoor pool facility. Again, that facility was done in 2000, so we are at 20 years this year. We have to look at the Diamond Brite, redoing that, the activity pool. That price is around \$60,000. The interior, the slide flue needs to be resurfaced, and that's going to be around \$15,000. The chemical controllers for down there is going to be around \$15,000; and we talked about this before, the ultraviolet light disinfectant for the activity pool is \$40,000. That is something I think we have to look at going down the road. I don't want to give anybody surprises, but that's what's down the road.

Chairperson Kapusta said Tom, I remember the ultraviolet for the inside pool. I remember when we talked about that, and I believe it was Councilperson Asseff who brought up about the ultraviolet for the outdoor with the sunlight and everything. It's something that is necessary?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said eventually down the road they are going to require it for everybody. Right now every waterpark you have to have UV.

Councilperson Asseff asked they have any data to show that the UV makes a substantial difference in the outdoor pool? That's what I am looking at because the sun is beating down on this.

Chairperson Kapusta said I remember you saying that, but I hear Tom saying that it's going to be required. So, then by the State, is that what you are saying?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said it will be required by State for health care.

Councilperson Asseff said I would like to know what the efficiency ratio is, what are we getting for our money?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I don't know that answer right now.

Councilperson Trakas asked what State agency is mandating this?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the Ohio Department of Health.

Councilperson Trakas said it's interesting. The only thing that we know that actually kills bloodborne pathogens is bleach.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said the big thing is this cryptosporidium. Doc, have you ever heard of that? That is a very nasty parasite, and it's getting more and more prevalent; and from what I am understanding, that's the big one. One person goes into a pool or body of water, and the chlorine does not kill that right away. That's one pathogen that the chlorine does not kill right away. It impacts the whole pool of people, and that cryptosporidium can kill young kids and older adults that have immune issues.

Councilperson Asseff said you have to run a higher chlorine even though it doesn't kill it immediately; you have to run a higher level because it's outside anyhow, and you are evaporating your chlorine while you are putting water in. It is not an easy solution.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said when I first started here back in the 1980's, the pools were my thing, and back then it was so much easier. You never had all this stuff. Now when the Board of Health comes to do inspections, they used to just come and be there for 15 minutes; and now they are there almost a half a day doing the 3 pools and the concession stand.

Chairperson Kapusta said which is hard for you, but good for the consumers and residents. We want to make a good environment, but I hear what you are saying.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said there's so many things out there. You never heard of cryptosporidium back then. Is it new?

Councilperson Asseff said it's not new, but it's made its mark.

Councilperson Trakas said I know some of the communities around us, I was up at Brecksville a couple of weeks ago; and they have a specific pool area for people with medical conditions that they treat differently. How do we treat people with medical conditions? Do we have disclosure?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said no, it has nothing to do with what they have. What Brecksville has is a body of water which they keep warmer, and they have arthritic classes in there and some just general rehab classes in this body of water.

Councilperson Trakas said you are talking about therapy people, and I was just curious. So, if we have people who want to do therapy, they just go to our regular pool?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said they can go to our pool, but it's not as ideal as going to Brecksville where they have their pool at 90 degrees. We have ours at 84 or 85 degrees. They don't get the benefit like they would if they would go to Brecksville.

Councilperson Trakas said understood, but if you have been in a facility, and you are exposed to Mersa or something, you just go into the pool. Do we account for anything like that? Do we have any type of way of checking people?

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said no.

Councilperson Asseff said if they have open wounds, they are putting stuff in. Now remember when Marymount was doing physical therapy over here, and we weren't getting paid for that very well; and there were people there who had open wounds and everything else. We kind of stopped it.

Councilperson Trakas said with Vista Springs coming in, is it something we should look at again? You have people who are in rehab type situations.

Chairperson Kapusta said I have not been in their building yet, do they have a spa area?

Councilperson Asseff said they should have. If they are going to be full service, they should have.

Chairperson Kapusta said that's what I am wondering. Not a full pool, but enough of a spa.

Councilperson Trakas said they would qualify to come to our pool.

Chairperson Kapusta said yeah, I know that, but when I read about a lot of the other things, it seems like they are doing so much internally there that I would be surprised if they didn't have something.

Councilperson Asseff said if we worry about those people who are coming into our pool, and not that they shouldn't, but we could set rules and regs, no open wounds, none of this, none of that; whatever, so that we safeguard the quality of the water in that pool.

Chairperson Kapusta said and I personally would be more concerned about our own residents bringing in infectious things than someone who was in a medical facility. Do you know what I am saying? Only because they are being treated, and a lot of our people should be and aren't.

Councilperson Asseff said the rules would apply to everybody.

Chairperson Kapusta said no, but I'm just saying when thinking about the Vista Springs folks; I would be more concerned about our own people who, sometimes they don't know what they don't know that they have and stuff is what I am saying, just the average person living at home.

Councilperson Trakas asked can you do a little research on that for us?

Chairperson Kapusta said that would be great.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I did reach out to Brecksville just so you know because when this Vista Springs, I did get some questions from a couple of residents. I did reach out to Brecksville. I know they don't have a Vista Springs in their town, but they have a lot of other.

Chairperson Kapusta said Chippewa, Jennings, Oaks.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said they checked their passes, and they said that there were like 2 they had that was from any of their facilities; and that's a larger facility than Vista Springs.

Councilperson Trakas said and as Kathleen said, the people just go. They don't realize they came out of a place, and they may not know. So, maybe they aren't under a doctor's care any longer.

I would like to ask you to look at some type of rulemaking that would impact open sores, do we have a policy on that; I think we should. There's a liability issue there too.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said I think that basically wraps up our reports.

Chairperson Kapusta said thank you. It was very informative again Tom.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz asked Kathleen do you think I should go to the next Finance Committee meeting to talk about the plan?

Vice Mayor Grendel said in talking with the Mayor and everything, not this meeting coming up; but the next meeting we will be focusing on the Five-Year Plan and updating that.

Councilperson Trakas asked when are you going to have that Dave?

Vice Mayor Grendel said well there's a Finance meeting next Tuesday. The next one will probably be in September.

Councilperson Trakas said I have that ordinance that we talked about putting it on, and we have a pretty full agenda; I just want to make sure that it got on eventually.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we will have this one that's coming up in June, and I'm going to be gone half of August to Alaska.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairperson Kapusta said so it sounds like then the September one.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we will have a better idea. I think Gus will have a little bit more, we will have more pieces in place to do so. Tom, that will be the one. I know the Mayor wanted to talk to each Department Head one-on-one and get his data from that. That's probably the first approach to talk to the Mayor about that, and then go from there.

Chairperson Kapusta said but giving us all this information and thanking our Councilpersons who are on the committee as well as those who are not, this is great. It helps us to understand, and the visuals we love. It really helps.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairperson Kapusta said we have before us at this time, we have the Drug Prevention Initiatives Update; and that would be the one that we have a copy here that Angie put together for us. She tried to give us a little update here. The Drug Free Clubs of America, I am not going to read everything she put in because you can read it yourself; but I thought it was interesting, a comment that caught my eye was that when the students felt it was a positive experience. They were happy they joined, and 91% said there was a time this year when they used the Drug Free Club of America as an excuse not to use drugs. That's huge.

Councilperson Asseff said that's what it takes.

Chairperson Kapusta said and with this only being the first year, I can only hope that it continues to grow, and again, remember the main thing here is it's voluntary. The students are not mandated to participate. So, I thought that was very good.

Councilperson Asseff asked how many students are eligible to join? We have 126 in, and the goal is 180; but what is the total student amount that could join?

Chairperson Kapusta said I thought the last number I saw was that our high school is a little shy of 400.

Councilperson Trakas asked what's the whole school system?

Chairperson Kapusta said under 1,000. Those are my recollections. I could be wrong, but those are my recollections.

Then we have McKeon Education Group, and we have some information there about the number of referrals. We got some of this of course, I don't want to go through this. We had this when we did our vote on the ordinance, so I don't think we really need to go into that a lot more. You can see what they are planning to do, one will be an 8 week summer camp leadership program; so they are going to do some things over the summer time and then some training and some orientation. That was what I had requested as well because our own staff could benefit from

what McKeon does; and our staff who works with the children in the after school programs and the summer camp programs. So, they are going to work a little bit more on that, and I am glad to see that as well.

Then Generation X, training to help prevent the misuse of prescription medications. This year the high school students were able to teach the Generation X curriculum to 245 students. I don't know if it means the high school students taught, I don't know. It says including grades 5th, 6th and 9th. I don't know about this one because Angie didn't really tell me anything more, but it's interesting. It looks like they are using students to do some of that training. Maybe we can find out more from her at a future meeting.

Any questions? That was just a little bit of an overview so that we have that information.

Community Services as I said, Marilyn Senick is on an extended medical leave so we do have the data here from her. The first part is the 2019 First Quarter Review, and you can read it yourself. It was the second year of the Irish Festival, that's why there's nothing for 2017. It did just start last year, but again, I was there. It seemed like a very good crowd. As you know in the spring historically our Community Services Department has tried to do different events. We have had the Bleach Blast. We have had Mardi Gras. So, it's a variety of things just to kind of spice it up. Sometimes that time of the year it may be harder to get people out, but it's a nice offering I think in the middle of the winter time for our residents.

Councilperson Trakas said that's actually a pretty good turnout.

Chairperson Kapusta said and I was very happy to say that the new pastor to St. Michael's who happens to be Irish came and did a little introductory invocation to the group; and I thought that was a nice presence in the community again.

City Department Program meeting attendance, she has some numbers there for us. The rentals were down, you see the fourth category down, Private Organization Rental Attendance. It went down a little bit last year, and they are picking back up in 2019.

Councilperson Trakas said well we had some construction last year, and the air conditioning situation and all of that.

Chairperson Kapusta said right, and remember these are comparisons of the first quarter of these years too.

I would love to hear from Marilyn, I don't have an explanation; but maybe we can get some input from her on that discounted rental. That's quite a difference from 2018 to 2019, so I am not really sure.

Councilperson Trakas said it looks like 2018 was an anomaly.

Chairperson Kapusta said I'm not really sure what that reflects. I can speak to the Community Café revenue. If anybody has been there at the Civic Center. It's a big draw. They always seem

to have somebody up there, and I like the fact that that's available right to our residents there. I think it's a nice plus, and you do see residents coming in. They will come over to Rec in the morning and start doing some exercise program; maybe they will go there and have a little breakfast, and then they will wait for a program at the Civic Center a little bit after that. To me, to be able to capture residents to stay there for a longer part of their day rather than I am in the door and out the door. I think it's a very much of a positive. If we are helping to do that with the Community Café, that's great.

I don't know what internet transaction revenue means. Does anybody?

Mr. Sarley said when they would register for things.

Chairperson Kapusta said so those who came in and did their class registrations or their program registrations.

Recreation Director Walchanowicz said it is interesting that it kind of moved down on here because I thought more and more people seem to go and do that.

Chairperson Kapusta said I still believe for a lot of our programs, you have to get through the door because I have to get my little ticket and go and register on that first day. So, I think it motivates a lot of us to do it that way.

Trip revenue we can see is up a little bit. We don't have too many new babies that we are welcoming.

Councilperson Asseff said that area probably can be strengthened. I think there were more than 11 people moving in and out of Independence.

Chairperson Kapusta said they try. Again this is the first quarter though, remember that. It's the first quarter of these years; but I know they try. It's always in our Spotlight. We are encouraging people to come and identify. I know our pastor came and got his new welcome thing, and he thought that was really nice. Just the idea of getting folks into the building to see what we have to offer is a great part of that.

Just going to go through quickly this page because I know we have a meeting following us after this here. I don't know if you have any questions on anything if I can try and answer them.

Meals on Wheels, I was surprised about that to be honest with you. That's a significant increase in my opinion from the 375 to 541 because meals have always been a thing that's kind of hit or miss with our home delivered Meals on Wheels; so I think that may be reflective of the fact that our population in that group is aging and maybe more of them are needing to take advantage of food brought to them in their homes.

The 55 Plus lunches, that number was nice; it went from 484 to 794. That's pretty significant. The grant, you know that program was not previously, and it's not now any longer so it just had the numbers for 2018.

Marilyn did mention to me that it's working out pretty good right now with the bus trips. It is a change from the big bus to what we have, so they are going to have some bumps in the road; but she said it's working out pretty good in that respect as well.

Some things Brewing, that's our brunch breakfast meal for folks sometimes with a program. They still do those nice special lunches, and you see the Mardi Gras one there.

Chair Yoga, I can speak to that. That is a new program, as you can see the yoga above it is. The Chair Yoga was a very, very strong attendance for people; and that was a nice option. I saw some of the folks in that class, some of them were people who would not have been able to participate in some other functions that we have because of their own physical limitations, and I thought it was great to see them out and doing some exercise. That was pretty nice too.

Youth Programs, I don't know if you have any questions on this or any comments. It says 2017 program sessions for special holiday specials, and it went from 4; and it says it depends on how winter and spring break falls. So, sometimes if the breaks don't fall, the numbers would change a little bit. I think that's how they are explaining the difference in the numbers, 158, 356 and 472.

Chairperson Kapusta said they love the repeat programs. They are always looking at new things they should think about or should consider, and you see some categories will have a N/A, so for one reason or another they felt that either it was a good program to start, they didn't have it previously or they have terminated it when they didn't feel that it was getting the response they thought they would want to have.

Capital Budget, I don't think we really need to take any more time on this. I think Dennis talked about a lot of this area and filled us in. Any questions on that? There were none.

Chairperson Kapusta said I appreciate everybody's attendance and our residents' attendance as well; and if there's no further matters for discussion, we will take a motion to adjourn.

Moved by Asseff, seconded by Trakas, to adjourn the Community Services Committee Meeting of June 20, 2019. Voice Vote: 3 yes/0 no; motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the Community Services Committee Meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.