

Minutes
City of Westlake
Parks and Recreation Commission
March 14, 2006
7:30 P.M.

I. Opening and Roll Call:

A. Ron called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present was: Mike Rump, Bob DeMinico, Ron Stephenson, Tony Jones, Tom Fattlar, Gina Orange, Jim Dispirito and Al Bobak. Absent were: Nan Baker and Tom May.

B. Minutes.

Tony moved to approve the January minutes, Ron seconded. Passed unanimously.

C. Correspondence.

There was a discussion about the letter received from Ed Aghajanian in regards to Lacrosse. No decision was made in regards to his request. The Commission members will develop guidelines to help determine the criteria for user groups within the City. It will become an agenda item at a Recreation Commission meeting.

D. Petitions from the Public.

None.

E. Director's Report.

Received at the meeting. With the opening of the new Fitness room, visitations to the Rec. Center are up more that 250 a day from last year. On President's Day there were 1,768 cards swiped. That is the highest amount to this date. The membership goal, with the new fitness addition was 500 new memberships. To date there have been almost 300.

F. Old Business.

II. Recreation Center year end report.

Received at the meeting. Bob presented the report. He was very complimentary of the Recreation Department staff and said he was very happy to be part of the organization. It is a challenging job. Bob is very pleased with the numbers increase in almost all aspects of the Recreation Center.

He has been working on new ideas to improve revenue: Corporate membership drive; 8 – 10 % increase would be the goal, Jim and Gina are working on grants; Don is working on the ambiance of the Aquatics center, Bob is working on after hour events, special events and striving for a Corporate Challenge in 2007.

After the report was given Mike thanked Bob and told him he was an excellent addition to the staff.

III. Review Tri City Park driveway and parking improvements.

Mike brought the blueprint of Tri City Park and showed the new plans to the Commission. He explained that the City of Westlake cuts the grass at the park; the City of Rocky River maintains the playground and washroom, Fairview Park maintains ballfields.

The Westlake Recreation Commission feels strongly about security lighting at Tri City parking lot. Gina made a motion to go forward with the improvements planned at Tri City Park with the recommendation that parking lot security lights are included in the plan. Tony seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

IV. Adjournment.

Gina made a motion to adjourn. Tony seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The next Westlake Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 11, 2006 at the Westlake Recreation Center at 7:30 PM.

Attached please find corrected pages to the Recreation Center year end report which you received at the March 14th meeting.

