

Minutes
City of Westlake
Parks and Recreation Commission
January 9, 2007
7:35 P.M.

I. Opening and Roll Call:

A. Ron called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Present was: Mike Rump, Bob DeMinico, Jim Dispirito, Ron Stephenson, Tony Jones, Tom Fattlar, Ginny Meyhew, Gina Orange, Brian Wilson, Jr. AllStar Football, Jim Doyle, Soccer Mike Medoro and Dean Lanza, Girls Softball and Nan Baker. Absent was Tom Mays.

B. Minutes.

Gina made a motion to approve the November minutes. Tony seconded, approved unanimously.

C. Correspondence.

None.

D. Petitions from the Public.

None.

E. Director's Report.

Received at meeting. Mike sent notice to the schools; that the Recreation Department will not be dragging and lining fields on school property. Mike told the Recreation Commission the usage was up 30% from 2005. On January 2, 2007 over 1,800 people swiped in. Usage is looking good.

F. Old Business.

None.

II. Westlake Jr. AllStar Football year end report.

Received at the meeting. Brian Wilson is now the President of Football. Bill Eberling has stepped down. He is still in the shadows helping out. Brian has started a new idea with St John Westshore Hospital; every male baby that is born at SJWS receives a small football from Westlake Jr. AllStar football. The league is planning to due something new this year. At the end of the season they would

play 1 additional game against a different community. At this time it has not been determined who will play on that particular team. Mike then thanked Brian and told him he looked forward to working with him and to keep in mind the Recreation Department was here to help. He also told Brian that Bill Eberling did a great job for many years.

III. Westlake Soccer Association year end report.

Received at the meeting. Jim Doyle presented the report. He pointed out that Westlake has both a Spring and a Fall soccer season, only City in the area that does this. The Memorial Day Soccer Tournament has become one of the premier tournaments in the Northeast. Last year they had 215 teams participate and brought approximately 10,000 people into the Westlake area. Ron Stephenson brought up the Bradley Rd. fields and Nan Baker explained that the Mayor and Council President were in negotiations with the School Board about purchasing the land. Mike said that at the last council meeting a petition was presented to Council to have the property put on the ballot so the residents could decide what to do with the last big parcel of land in Westlake. The petition had names wanting to zone that property for Recreation/School purposes. Mike thanked Jim for all he did and for the smooth transition when Jim took over.

IV. Westlake Girl's Softball year end report.

Received at the meeting. Last year Girl's Softball had a very slow start. Basically all the former board members resigned. John McGrogan took over at the last minute with the help of other people. John McGrogan, President has temporarily relocated to Florida and Dean Lanza VP standing in for him with the help of Mike Medoro, Treasurer. In spite of all the obstacles the softball season went very well. Dean said although the travel league is associated with them they know very little about there scheduling. Basically the registration dates are about the only thing in common with in-house softball. During the AllStar weekend there was actually a game played with Bay Village. At that game the Mayor through out the first pitch. Mike thanked Dean and Mike for stepping up. They were reminded that the Recreation Department was there to help them and to get all information to Jim. The information will be in our brochures and also in the newsletters that will be e-mailed to all members. Also Mike told everyone that the Recreation Department was looking into ways to create a central voice mail for all constituent organizations.

V. 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 February 13, 2007 at the Westlake Recreation Center at 7:30 PM.

