

City of Westlake  
Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes  
Tuesday January 8, 2008  
7:30 pm

I. Opening and Roll Call

- A. Ron called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm. Present were: Mike Rump, Bob DeMinico, Ron Stephenson, Tony Jones, Tom Fattlar, Gina Orange, Nan Baker, Dale Smith, Jim Dispirito, Tim James (Boys Baseball Association) and Dean Lonza (Girls Softball Association).  
Absent: Tom May

Ron welcomed our new recreation commission member Dale Smith. Dale will be replacing Ginny Mayhew.

- B. Minutes  
Tom made a motion to approve the October 2007 minutes. Tony seconded, approved unanimously.

- C. Correspondence.

None

- D. Petitions from the Public

None

- E. Director's Report

Before Mike gave the directors report, he asked the commission if they wanted to keep the meeting times at 7:30 pm or move to 7:00 pm. After discussion, it was determined that they would keep the meeting time at 7:30 pm.

The Director's Report was received at the meeting. There were two additions to the report:

- 1) Our new website is scheduled to be launched on Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- 2) The City will be increasing their contribution to \$3000 from \$2500 for each organization.

Attached to the report was a Five Year Capital Plan and Mike reviewed the recreation line items with the commission.

Question: Ron asked who our cable provider was and if we will be affected in 2009 with cable providers going digital. Mike explained that our provider was WOW and we will not be affected – our TVs are all cable ready.

- F. Old Business

None

II. Westlake Boys Baseball Year End Report.

Tim James, president of the Westlake Boys Softball Association, handed out their 2007 Annual Report, 2007 Operations Report and a current roster of the Board of Directors to the commission. Tim thanked the commission for all their hard work and cooperation over the past year.

He explained that all fields are being used Monday thru Friday for practices and games are on Saturdays. More fields are needed but the future lighting of Clague 5 should help immensely with the schedule.

He had a few concerns he wished to mention:

- 1) The parking situation at the Clague Playhouse fields.
- 2) Could the concession stand between Clague 4 & 5 be open more?
- 3) Could a concession stand be put at the Clague Playhouse fields?
- 3) Maintenance of school fields. Boy's baseball paid out \$9000 for maintenance of the school fields last year.

Tim said that they will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Westlake Boys Baseball Association in 2008 and have some fun events planned. One special event scheduled is attending the June 29<sup>th</sup> Cleveland Indian's game where they will be walking the field beforehand. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### III. Westlake Girls Softball Year End Report

Dean Lonza, vice president of the Girls Softball Association, handed out their 2007 Annual Report and 2007 Operations Report. Dean thanked the commission for their hard work over the past year.

Dean said that their numbers were down this year because they eliminated the high school division and replaced it with a smaller high school travel team. They played teams from Avon, Avon Lake, North Ridgeville and Sheffield Lake. They are considering having Bay Village join with them as Bay only has two teams.

Dean mentioned that the Girls Softball Association spent around \$4500 this year on school field maintenance.

They hosted a pitching seminar for local area and had over 100 attendees. They are thinking of expanding the seminar in 2008 as it was such a success.

They feel that they now have a solid Board of Directors and have accomplished a lot in the past year and look forward to 2008.

### IV. Adjournment

Gina made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm

The next Westlake Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Westlake Recreation Center at 7:30 pm.