

Minutes
City of Westlake
Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday April 22, 2008

- I. Opening and Roll Call
 - a. Ron called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm. Present were: Mike Rump, Ron Stephenson, Tony Jones, Gina Orange, Dale Smith, Dennis Bartlett, Nan Baker, Jim Larsen, Bob DeMinico, Don Cisar.
Absent: Tom Fattler
 - b. Minutes from March 11th meeting.
 - i. There was one correction to the March minutes. Dale Smith was in attendance.
 - c. Correspondence
None
 - d. Petitions from the Public
None
 - e. Director's Report
Report attached.
Additions to the report:
 - a. Mike also mentioned that the fishing pier will be fixed before the fishing derby in May.
 - b. There is a new fitness program coming out soon for the Wii that we hope to purchase.
 - f. Old Business
 - a. Tony wanted to go on the record saying that Gina Ditzenberger/Fitness Manager has done an excellent job with the Den.
 - b. Mike mentioned that the new DEN equipment has multiple functions – for both young and old – and that Gina has done an excellent job programming for the new equipment.
- II. Peterson Pool Discussion
 - a. A handout on the 'Scope of Services/Peterson Study – Phase 2' was given out. Jim Larsen from Larsen Architects reviewed the previous study.
 - b. Mike suggested that the next meeting be held at Peterson Pool so the commission could visualize the plan. He also suggested meeting over the summer approximately every 3 weeks or so to stay on top of the survey.
 - c. Tony asked if the plan is to use the current footprint of the pool area. Mike said generally – yes.
 - d. Tony also asked if any 'green' features can be added. Mike said that they are considering the green element and will try and implement as much as they can.
 - e. Jim hopes to have the plan ready for a meeting with council in September. The presentation will show what the facility is going to look like, operational expenses and projected revenues, programs, plus a user fee structure. The question of opening the pool to non-residents will also be addressed.
 - f. Jim said that in today's market, people want more than just a pool. They want 'fun stuff' also. We are going to try and incorporate it all together.

III. Membership Policy

Bob addressed the commission and said that at the February meeting he handed out three new membership policies for the commission to consider. He explained that we have currently plateaued at 14,000 members, and he feels that we could expand our growth under controlled circumstances.

His three policies were as follows:

- a. All employees of an organization or company that have an investment or a satellite facility in Westlake may join the Recreation Center at the corporate rate, regardless of where each employee may live or be employed. Proof of employment will still be required for membership. This change could affect companies such as Cleveland Clinic; Plain Dealer, Realty offices, architectural or law firms etc.
- b. An individual who owns property in Westlake may join as a corporate member. There are many people who own property, homes, apartments or business, but do not live or work in Westlake. While they are not paying FICA taxes, they are paying property taxes that help support city services.
- c. Allow families of students who attend the private schools in Westlake to become members. (St Bernadette, St Paul etc)

Bob said at this time he would like the commission to consider policies b & c only.

Questions from the commission:

- a. Ron asked if pre-schools & day care schools such as Kindercare, would be included? Mike said that we hadn't considered pre-schools since the commitment to preschool is only around 2 years – he would like to see a longer commitment and had no idea how many pre-schools there are in the city.
- b. Tony asked if that would increase our program numbers and could we handle it (ie swim lessons)? Bob said yes – we have been busier and the facility can handle it.
- c. Nan asked if renters could be members. Bob said that yes they can as they are residents.
- d. Gina asked what rate would be charged for the memberships. Bob answered that they would pay the corporate rate.

Gina made a motion to accept policies b & c. Ron seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

IV. Senior Walking ID Card

- a. The senior walking ID card is for resident seniors to come in and walk our track between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm for free. The current card is a laminated pass.
- b. We would like to change the card to a photo ID card like our membership card. The resident's current information would be entered into Rec Trac and available when the card is scanned.
- c. The reason for the change is in case anything happened to the seniors; we would know who they are and their contact information. It also gives us a better idea of who is in the building.
- d. We would like to charge \$5.00 which basically covers the cost for the card.
- e. The card is non-renewable and good for life.

A motion was made by Tony to change the laminated pass to a photo ID card and to charge \$5 for the card. Gina seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

New Business

Dale said that our Special Need VIP baseball program has now started and we have 31 children participating representing 9 communities.

Mike thanked Dale for doing such a terrific job with the special needs program.

Tony made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Dale seconded the motion. The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2008 at Peterson Pool in Clague Park at 7:30 pm.