

Minutes
City of Westlake
Parks and Recreation Commission
June 10, 2008
7:00 P.M.

I. Opening and Roll Call:

A. Ron called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present was: Mike Rump, Bob DeMinico, Ron Stephenson, Tony Jones, Dale Smith, Tom Fattlar, Nan Baker, Don Cisar, Brett Howell and his parents Mr. & Mrs. Howell and Jim Larsen. Absent was Regina Orange and Dennis Bartlett.

B. Minutes.

Dale made a motion to approve the May minutes. Tony seconded, approved unanimously.

C. Correspondence.

Letter regarding a skateboard park. Brett Howell was in attendance at the Recreation Commission meeting to present his thoughts and ideas for a skateboard park in the City of Westlake. Brett and his mother went to North Olmsted skateboard park and Brett discovered it was not extremely "kid friendly". He is 10 years old and the age range of the children at North Olmsted was approximately 16. There was a lot of swearing and smoking plus the fact nobody was wearing safety gear. Brett would like to see a park where this doesn't happen.

He presented a power point display showing the cost of a park and the different types of parks. He did a very thorough study on procedures and locations.

Mike explained to Brett that a skateboard park had been discussed by the Commission on more than one occasion at Recreation Commission meetings. The biggest problem is to come up with a good location. Mike also suggested to Brett that Avon, Avon Lake and Lakewood have very nice skateboard parks.

D. Petitions from the Public.

None.

E. Director's Report.

Received at meeting. Mike told the Recreation Commission that the cost of the new lights at C4 & C5 was approximately \$189,000.00. The dates for the Westlake Corporate Challenge are August 14 through 17. The handicap playground will be ordered this week from Little Tykes.

F. Old Business.

Peterson Pool discussion. Jim Larsen presented the drawings of the new Peterson Pool as per the date of the meeting. The Recreation Commission will be meeting with the Public Grounds and Recreation Committee of Council in Council Chambers on June 25 at 7:00 PM.

On June 19th the Recreation Commission, Mike, Don and others will be going to Sandusky to visit the various water parks in the area.

II. Adjournment.

Tony made a motion to adjourn. Dale seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next Westlake Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 8, 2008 at the Westlake Recreation Center at 7:00 PM.

Director's Report

6-10-08

- Put new base anchors in on all 5 ponytail softball fields. Also installed backstop padding on fields.
- Gave WGSA 1 dozen helmets with face guards as part of the Don't Blink Campaign.
- Had 15 participants for the Healthy Ohioan Walk. Think cold weather kept people away.
- Westlake Soccer Association held their Memorial Tournament. They had over 200 teams from 5 states.
- Peterson Pool opened 5-31-08.
- Summer Den hours Monday through Saturday – 10 A – 2 P. Sunday – Noon – 4 P.
- New lights on C4 are up and working. C5 should be completed later this week.
- WHS held after Grad at the Recreation Center on 5-31-8.
- May revenue at Meadowood was \$53, 400.00. Last year was \$81,000.00. May average is approximately \$60,000.00.
- Currently have 9 teams for Corporate Challenge.