

Minutes  
City of Westlake  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
September 8, 2009  
7:03 P.M.

I. Opening and Roll Call:

A. Ron called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Present was: Mike Rump, Bob DeMinico, Ron Stephenson, Tony Jones, Tom Fattlar, Mark Getsay, Regina Orange, Tim Freeman, Principal WHS for Dennis Bartlett. Absent was: Dale Smith.

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

C. Correspondence.  
None.

D. Petitions from the Public.  
None.

E. Director's Report.  
Attached.

F. Old Business.  
None.

II. Recreation Center membership fees.

Attached. Bob explained to the Commission that the increase in membership fees was the usual 3%. The Commission had discussion about raising fees in these economic times. It was felt that if we stopped the annual increase it may be hard to start this up again. Mike and Bob discussed about adding value to the membership, Something like a points rewards program. Tony made a motion to accept the new membership rates for 2010. Tom seconded. Passed unanimously.

III. Daily admissions: fees/ages.

Attached. Bob explained that the small increase might mean the difference between breaking even or not. Tom feels \$9.00 is too high for daily admission and also he feels it is unfair to charge 18 year olds the adult rate because a lot of them are seniors in high school. There were no concerns about lowering the age to 18 for the Summer college rate. Tony is concerned with charging 2 – 6 year

olds \$5.00. Bob explained that most of the guest passes are non residents. The Daily admissions: fees/ages was tabled until next month.

IV. Rewards program.

Attached. Bob explained there are only a couple of Recreation Centers doing this at this time, so this is kind of a new concept as it relates to the Recreation Center. The Commission liked the idea but cautioned that we would need to be careful with wording. Tom made a motion to accept the rewards program. Tony seconded. Passed unanimously.

V. Community rooms; after hours rate change.

Attached. Tom made a motion to accept the new community room after hours rate change to an additional \$30.00 per hour whether you rent ½ or the entire community room. Tony seconded. Passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment.

Tom made the motion for adjournment. Tony seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting of the Westlake Recreation Commission will be held Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the Westlake Recreation Center at 7:00 PM.

# Director's Report

## 9-8-09

- Received a \$5,000.00 check from Run for the Young. Money will be used for nutritional speakers and interactive display for DEN.
- Held the Joe Thomas Celebrity Fishing Derby at the Recreation Center pond. Had 200 kids plus their parents and many volunteers from the Browns, ODNR and Browns backers.
- Had 80 kids for Christmas in July party at Peterson.
- Had 115 people for Family Camp out.
- The Recreation Center grounds were the camp site for the Susan J. Koman 3 day walk.
- Steps to the water slide at the Rec. Center being replaced.
- Have 56 teams for Fall softball
- Started a Facebook fan page.
- Held Westlake Corporate Challenge. 7 teams participated. Five Seasons was 1<sup>st</sup>, Rae Ann Nursing Home was 2<sup>nd</sup>. And City of Westlake was 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Shared facilities with Rocky River and Fairview Park during our and their shutdowns.
- Held Dog Day at Peterson September 5. Had over 400 dogs.
- Received \$2,500.00 check from Celebrate Westlake/North Coast Challenge. Funds are used to provide memberships to Westlake families in need who cannot afford a membership at the Rec. Center.
- Revenues were down at both Peterson Pool and Meadowood Golf Course for the Summer. Peterson was down approximately 15%, Meadowood was down approximately 7%.