

Minutes
City of Westlake
Parks and Recreation Commission
October 20, 2009
7:10 P.M.

I. Opening and Roll Call:

A. Ron called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Present was: Mike Rump, Bob DeMinico, Ron Stephenson, Tony Jones, Tom Fattlar, Regina Orange, Dennis Bartlett, Jim Dispirito, Tim James, boys baseball, Michael Della Vella, soccer, Ed Aghajanian, lacrosse and Dave Puffer, Westlake schools business manager. Absent was: Dale Smith and Mark Getsay.

B. Minutes.

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

C. Correspondence.

None.

D. Petitions from the Public.

None.

E. Director's Report.

Attached.

F. Old Business.

None.

II. Field uses and future consideration.

Tim James spoke on behalf of boys baseball. There are 44 recreational teams, 11 travel teams and a colt league that plays at the High School. The boys use C4 & C5, Playhouse 1, 2 and 3 6 days a week starting at the beginning of April and running through July. They also use Holly Lane, Hilliard and Burneson fields. The recreation department maintains all city fields but the Boys Baseball Association pays \$10,000.00 to maintain the school fields they use. They could definitely use 3 more fields. 2 for the younger boys and 1 for the older levels.

Next to speak was Michael Della Vella from soccer. Soccer has approximately 1300-1400 children involved. Soccer uses the Recreation Center fields, Porter Rd. fields, SJWS fields. Holly Lane, Hilliard, Bassett, Parkside, and Burneson, all school fields. All fields are used 7 days a week. They play year round even if

they must use an indoor facility. They also use St. Paul and Church on the Rise fields. Soccer spends approximately \$40,000.00 per year on the upkeep of school fields. Mike D. says the rec. leagues are growing.

Everyone is in agreement more fields are needed. The biggest concern of the organizations what will happen when SJWS and the cemetery call their fields in for development and when the schools start to build, they in all probability will be using the area that has been dedicated to fields at that time.

Ed Aghajanian, representing lacrosse spoke next. Lacrosse is a small size sport at this time. There are approximately 60 kids involved. Lacrosse uses the fields from March through May. They practice behind Dover School and also use fields at the rec. center.

Dave Puffer the business manager explained different scenarios about the building on the different school board properties but bottom line taking the field space would be the least expensive. He also said the property on Bradley Rd. would probably not be used at this time. Tony than asked if that property could be revisited.

Tom made a recommendation the City explore the possibility of adding additional sports fields in various areas throughout the City and research the short term and long term benefits of turf at WHS. Tony seconded, passed unanimously.

III. Daily admissions: fees/ages.

Attached. Gina made a motion to accept the rate changes, Tony seconded. Passed unanimously.

IV. Classroom rental discount.

Attached. Tony made a motion to recommend the discount for the classroom be available, Gina seconded. Passed unanimously.

VI. Adjournment.

Tom made the motion for adjournment. Gina seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next meeting of the Westlake Recreation Commission will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Westlake Recreation Center at 7:00 PM.

Director's Report

10-20-09

- Had 31 kids in our Home School program.
- Had 15 kids participate in NFL Punt, Pass and Kick. 14 boys, 1 girl. Winners 8/9 year old girls: Alex Rujawitz, 8/9 boys: Brendan Farrell. 10/11 boys: Logan Whinery, 12/13 boys: Danny O'Malley.
- Have 6 teams in our Flag Football program. Up from 4 teams last year.
- Have winterized the baseball fields with mule mix.
- Slide step project is continuing at the Rec. Center. Should be done by end of the month.
- Aerated the grounds at the Rec. Center. We will try to do the soccer fields after their season ends.
- September revenue at Meadowood \$49,732.00, up \$7,000.00 over last year.
- Fall Festival was Saturday October 17th. Had 800 people.