

**PRESENT:** Chairman Sam Battle, Vice Chairman John Hammond, Stacey Francis, Gina Kilgore, Maggie Lieux, Director Reardon and Secretary Tami Martinak

**ABSENT:** n/a

**GUESTS:**

- Joshua Hargis, LeighAnn Arroyo, Eugene Arroyo Sr., Rosalyn Wade, Brad Armstrong.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**SPEAKER(s):**

- Joshua Hargis is requesting Bounce Houses for the Family Nite at West Park, will provide their own insurance. They are hosting a Sports Camp & Family Nite at West Park. Director Reardon spoke to Law Director, if ok by Park Board then back to LD Deery to work out details. (similar to rink/ballfield agreements) Electric thru shelter at West. Church from Florida is providing the Bounce Houses. Prefer use of electric generators, could have personnel on hand. Ground fault protectors & cords. No City Electricians. Bounce House from 5-7pm on 6/21 & 6/22. Open to the community. Joshua is from the Elyria Church on Washington Ave./across from the YMCA.
  - Gina Kilgore made motion to allow Joshua Hargis in conjunction with his Sports Camp/Family Nite to have Bounce Houses on 6/21 & 6/22 from 5-7pm. And provided that they meet all the City's Law Director's criteria. Stacey Francis 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MAYOR/SAFETY SERVICE OFFICE UPDATE:**

- No Representation from the Mayor/SSD Office.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENTED ITEMS:**

- Agenda
- Minutes from May 11, 2023 meeting
- May 2023 Financials
- John Hammond made motion to approve the Consented Items, Gina Kilgore 2<sup>nd</sup>

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None.

**BUSINESS:**

- Parks Master Plan Update
  - No mention of Park Rangers. Need for policing evenings & weekends at the parks.
  - Treat as all inclusive
  - Pocket Park
  - Less vandalism
  - No representation from the Mayor's/Safety Service office to answer questions
  - Not adequate time to review and the changes that were made to it.
  - Metro Park uses Rangers, has been positive
  - Will not call for vote today! Need more time to go thru. Send Carrie email w/any questions, concerns, feedback. Need clarifications.
  - Possible July meeting, but only for that one item will be on the Agenda.

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Teen Junior Park Board
- Advertising – use Chronicle, Rural Urban
- LeighAnn Arroyo asked for update on walking path named after Hubert Oliver, from the April meeting.
  - Quarterback Club, need a group because there are more people that could also qualify.
  - He is #1 & Black American.
  - Need more conversation
  - Recommended doing a bench with his name on it.

## PARKS DIRECTOR REPORT

- **Issue 6 Projects**
  - West Park Project – Paving and putting pickleball court in, hoping to be almost completed by next week. Restroom walk thru. Park lot off Lowell St. done w/lines.
- **Summer Season**
  - Pools – need more Lifeguards. 13 guards, only one pool open at a time per day. Alternate pools. Swim Instructors we are in good shape. Waivers available for Learn to Swim, must go thru Carrie. Camps start on Monday along with Safety Town.
- Juneteenth Event Flyers available
- Fireworks – June 30<sup>th</sup> at West Park
- Summer Concerts & Food Trucks on Thursdays
  - Posted on Social Media, people say they did not know about them.
- Need more signage and banners on Broad St. & Middle Ave.
- Need meeting with Lorain County Metro Parks.
  - Walking bridge has been closed, very bad shape.
  - Falls in bad shape, trees need attention
- Teen Program had 52 teens the first Friday nite.

## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Nicole Edwards, Recreation Supervisor
  - **Open Rec Program:** The program concluded on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We served approximately 108 students for the school year. It was definitely a good year with no major issues.
  - **Safety Town:** We have 84 volunteers who have committed to working Safety Town this year. Parashaye Horton and Kennedy Shawver have been long time volunteers will be Onsite Coordinators this year. Excited to see them continue to support Safety Town as adults who began as volunteers.
  - **Summer Camp:** The Mayor and Administrative Team have hired this year's Summer Camp Staff. They will be going through a Fellowship Program prior to the start of Parks & Recreation's five weeks of Summer Camp. The camps are completely filled. Doug Taylor will be our Camp Director and he has worked tirelessly to create a fun filled list of activities and games to keep the participants engaged. Aramark will be providing the breakfast and lunch through their Summer Feeding Program.
  - **Summer Concerts:** June 1<sup>st</sup> started our first Summer Concert in the Square. We had a great turnout and the food trucks have been a great addition. Looking forward to blue skies every Thursday until the end of August.
  - **TAP-The Active People Program:** We are actively collecting enrollment packets to document the number of individuals utilizing the program. Our attendance has been consistent.

- Brandon Lawler, Recreation Supervisor
  - After an exciting start to our summer programs and leagues, excitement and momentum are gaining traction for camps and clinics, also. In addition to the usual offerings of sports camps/clinics, we have added an E-Sports Clinic as well.
  - We are always looking for creative ways to interact with the community through programming, specifically with teens and families. Teen Night also known as *Evrything Teen* has begun and will take place every Friday evening at East Rec throughout the summer with the exception of a few evenings.
  - We also have a new program called the *Family Rec Experience* which will give families opportunities to interact with other families while participating in various activities.
  - Youth Flag Football has been a great addition to our spring/summer programs with over 40 players participating. Also, the Summer Youth Baseball & T-Ball Leagues begin this week and we are excited to give an excellent presentation to those who are registered.
  - Lastly, facility reservations are remaining consistent as we transition to summer. As always, this is an exciting time in Parks & Recs!
  
- Kaleigh Plato, Recreation Supervisor
  - Tomorrow is opening day for East Pool! Staffing has been very difficult, so we are going to have to run on a rotating schedule between the two pools. We are excited about the new classes being offered such as Intro to Swim Team and Beginner 3 and our Learn to Swim Program is full for session 1. A lot of new changes have been made with our learn to swim program and also with our private lesson options so we are hopeful for good feedback from the public.
  - Spring softball is going well and we are planning for summer softball to begin in June. Hearing great things from all who rent the fields on how well they are maintained. Also hearing great feedback about the trails going in at West Park as well. We are also busy planning and fine tuning the dive in movie and movie in the park events.
  - Hoping for a safe and happy summer at the pools!

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: n/a**

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 4pm at the South Recreation Center Meeting Room. (subject to change).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

  
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 Parks Board Chairman

  
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 Parks Director

  
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 Secretary