

Mayfield Heights

Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Appell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Shannon Appell, Mr. Michael Horvat, Mr. Don Manno, Mrs. Sue Manno, Mrs. Ashley Moses, Mrs. Nicole Polo

Also, present: Mr. Sean Ward- Director of Recreation, Ms. Patty Rogaliner – Secretary

Absent: Mayor DiCicco, Mrs. Heather Dilulio, Mr. Mike Hasto, Mrs. Diane Snider

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 2021 minutes motion to approve made by Mrs. Moses and second by Mrs. Manno, all in favor approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor DiCicco no report- absent.

REPORT OF RECREATION DIRECTOR

Director Ward introduced our new member Mrs. Nicole (Nikki) Polo to the commission members and welcomed her to the commission.

Director Ward reported that the car show was a nice night, a little hot and steamy but overall, a great night. Winking Lizard was a good location, and the management was happy with the event. The heat may have kept away some foot traffic and the threat of rain kept a few cars away, but that was expected. We will look to do next year's event with them again.

Director Ward updated the group that things are moving along with the park plans. The architect has developed plans that continue to be adjusted. He hopes Council will approve the Construction Manager Representative at the October 11 meeting. Then we can really get a timeline developed.

Mr. Horvat asked Director Ward about the groundbreaking. Director Ward responded by saying the current service yard needs to be moved. To accomplish this, the current community center needs to come down. The architect had a 12-month timeline. Director Ward would like to get going sooner and is expecting things to get going by having the Community Center demolished within the first quarter of 2022. This will allow the service yard to be built and the current one moved in order to start breaking ground for the Community/Aquatics Center in May of 2022.

The current timeline has May of 2023 for ribbon cutting on the new Community/Aquatics Center.

Director Ward stated that a public meeting to share the Community/Aquatics Center plans is tentative for October 19. Due to this meeting and his attendance at a conference during our fourth Tuesday of the month, the commissions monthly meeting date will be adjusted. Once we can confirm a date it will be shared.

It was asked what this construction will do to Unity Days. Director Ward is sure we will have to make a few adjustments. The parking will not be available, and Fireworks may have to

change its location for set up. Time will tell how we have to adjust for 2022 and 2023 but he feels we can still host Unity Days.

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Horvat, Mrs. Manno and Mr. Manno met with Director Ward and Mrs. Rogaliner to finalize the Halloween event for the commission. The plan is to host a Trunk or Treat again for 2021. The event will include from the commission a trick or treat bag, hay maze, pumpkin, and a bagged snack. Children will be charged \$7 each and parents will be free. Each family will need to provide a decorated trunk and candy for the trunk.

Director Ward mentioned that the Santa event will be here before we know it as well and asked Mrs. Appell if she and Mr. Hasto had discussed ideas yet. They have not so the group discussed ideas including doing an open house style event to a timed seating event to better social distance. Director Ward will look into the train and its feasibility. Mrs. Appell and Mr. Hasto will keep an eye on the pandemic guidelines and get plans together. Mrs. Polo will also help and get an understanding of how we plan the children's parties.

REPORT OF COUNCIL MEMBER DON MANNO

Mr. Manno reported that council had mostly housekeeping items at the meeting on Monday. Among them were sign variances for two businesses and an extension for another.

Mr. Manno said that council is still mourning the loss of Mrs. Finney and coming to terms with the need to fill the remainder of her term. The information for applying for the seat has been posted to social media and the website. Interviews will be conducted on Thursday evenings and Sundays all day. Once they complete the interviews, council will select the candidate to complete the remaining two years of the term.

Mr. Manno shared that Eastgate will be adding a few charging stations to the plaza for electric cars. Sheetz is also expected to include these in their design. Starbucks by Mayland Plaza has opened and did a great job inside and out. McDonalds hopes to be completed by December. Corporate has delayed the remodel and Mr. Philiou is hopeful to meet this new timeline.

REPORT OF COUNCIL MEMBER DIANE SNIDER

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS


Mrs. Manno asked if we would have another Taste of Italy before the closing of the DeJohn Community Center. Director Ward stated we may, we can visit once he has the construction timeline.

Mr. Horvat motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, second by Mrs. Manno.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission will be to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by:


Patty Rogaliner
Secretary

Approved by:

Shannon Appell
Co Chair