

## **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**March 5, 2024 - 6:30pm - Recreation Center**

**Attending:** Sue Smith, Mary Schumaker, Holly Stein, Annetta Macedonia, Samantha Torres, Toby Miller, Resident Dave Moran

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Postponed until April – need to find past minutes to be approved.

**Pickleball** – Scope of work provided. Toby Miller present to discuss. Four courts will fit on the current court and contractors agree. Surface currently has some cracks. Seal coating is an option – putting sport paint will not adhere to oil-based paint. SportMaster paint is acrylic-based and is what you see on tennis courts and has a grit to it. Not a DIY job – needs to be applied properly. Fixing the project ranges from \$40k-130k. Repaving the surface is another option. Fresh, not-sealed asphalt is the only 100% guarantee. If it is water-based sealant, we are in better shape. Two-month process to do it due to many layers of paint. Need to find funding and nail down what the specs are. Toby has asked others for budgets and ideas. Permanent nets = drilled holes = possibly more cracks which could be a maintenance nightmare. Fencing could be done later and could be 4ft tall. Funding ideas – Chamber of Commerce, Licking County Parks and Recreation, Energy Coop, Park National Bank, NatureWorks grant, Eagles, North Valley Bank, Thomas J Evans Foundation. Need to know amount to apply for if through grants. Need to make it more marketable. Could reseal and put black courts. Surfaces are the biggest issue right now. Will want to go for the sport surface – commission agreed. Toby cannot guarantee a timeframe because still looking at logistics of the project. Need to nail down the scope of work to compare apples to apples. Need to figure out the surface – do we paint, reseal, or repave? 1 1/2 of asphalt is the least amount you can compact correctly. 120ft x 60ft court that is oriented correctly for the sun. 8ft left and right between courts. 6ft between court and fence. Holy Stein said North Valley Bank could help if we had a plan. Toby will find out what it takes to do a master plan of footprint for the park like what was done for the pavilion site at the water tower.

They agreed about ideas to resurface rather than reseal; outer perimeter = green; inner area = red kitchen; blue court; remove basketball hoops and relocate one to the skatepark concrete pad; stripe boundary; permanent net posts; install ball-stop area edge to edge; fence around perimeter for noise and wind screening and to keep vehicles off of it (baseball field has been turfed before). Screening is not cheap. 10ft tall on the west side. Resident Dave Moran stated the plan needs to be thorough and precise in order to get generous funding. Annetta can update the scope of work per the discussion.

**I Walked the Damn Dam event** – Sue Smith – She has someone who can design a shirt. Event date – first week of June 10am-2pm. Need to set up an EventBrite, RacePenguin, or similar webpage for registration. Need it to be tax-exempt. Sponsors could help pay for shirts. Water and granola tables along the path. Pickleball project funding as incentive. Could provide transportation that day from Liebs Island once people make it there. Talked about the price to enter and what the walkers may receive. Also spoke about sponsors and maybe doing tiers to receive a spot on the back of the shirts and in advertisements and sheets for signup. Could contact Bar Hopper or Ohio Party Bus for transportation. Need to get confirmation from Fiscal Officer at the village about using the web service. Might have to scale down this idea for Year 1 and build it up over the years.

**Park Benches** – 3 have been installed. Working on purchasing a 4<sup>th</sup> bench to get sponsored. The plaques are in and ready to be installed.

- Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are still happening and some donations have been received from those. Yoga is no longer happening at the Recreation Center.
- Received \$60 from the sale of skateboarding shirts at the Yellow Sundress.
- Received \$190 from Pickleball clinics last year.

Motion by Sue Smith, seconded by Holly Stein to accept the pickleball scope of work. All in favor.

- Vacancy on the commission – Mary has someone interested but a posting will go up.
- Need someone on the commission to take meeting minutes and update the Parks and Recreation Facebook page since Melissa Tevis has resigned from the commission and mostly did those things.
- Annetta will make presentation at the council meeting.

Motion by Holly Stein, seconded by Sue Smith to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

  
Samantha Torres

  
Annetta Macedonia, Chair