

WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7th, 2024 7:00PM
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY CENTER
10201 Bond Street, Westchester, Cook County, Illinois

Call to Order:

President Rollag called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Citizen Advisory Board Members: Jostyn Kane – here, Ryan Wright – here, Wayne Rollag – here, Tom Wiener – here, Kathryn Sloan Smith – here

Also present were: Executive Director Lianne Robinette, Park Commissioner Joe Christopher, Park Commissioner Steve Busa

Review and Approval of January 17th, 2024 Citizen Advisory Board Minutes:

No changes needed to be made to minutes

Motioned: Ryan Wright

Seconded: Kathryn Sloan Smith

Roll Call: Jostyn Kane – Aye, Ryan Wright – Aye, Wayne Rollag – Aye, Tom Wiener – Aye, Kathryn Sloan Smith – Aye

Public Comments: None – No public present

2.0 Potential Programs or Classes:

Wayne: Talked with Edens lanes and they said they would be willing to work with the Park, they don't want to run it but will cooperate. Kevin Walsh may be interested in helping

Soccer for adults: kids could get involved in

Grilling/Cooking classes:

Dodge Ball/Kick Ball/Wiffle Ball: where can it take place – no tennis courts at Gladstone. Tennis Court at Drury Lane Lianne/Joe: everything has been torn down at Gladstone because it was falling down. Kathryn: 5-8 graders are really looking for things to do

Volleyball classes for kids: is it possible to change the sand to something else in the volleyball pits. Maybe turf or just grass? Lianne: Nets go up in the spring (May-ish)

Ryan: could we have Neighbor intermural teams, tournament style – Like North side vs South side etc. Make a community day – baseball, kickball, softball, soccer, volleyball, home run derby.

Ipad class for Seniors: opens up avenue for seniors

Chair Yoga for Seniors

Toddler Time: Resident mentioned to Joslyn – can try to make it when the library doesn't have their story time. Story time goes 6 weeks on 6 weeks off (as example) Unfortunately, the pickleball takes precedence at the moment because they pay and this is free. Lianne: Families from other towns have been coming to the toddler time and hopefully will in turn create more revenue with classes. Playbox: mostly used from other towns especially during the day – nannies, grandparents etc.

3.0 Marketing or Promotion:

Tom: Survey: start with 6 questions: rough draft:

1. Age – idea of whose responding – Make age required, name/email/phone optional
2. What are your expectations of the Westchester Park District?
3. Over all opinion of the facilities
4. Do programs meet the overall demographics of the village?
5. Ideal program to introduce
6. Market programs effectively
7. Do you feel the website is easy to navigate?

Hopefully will give us information to create a second survey. How do we get it out there for people to answer? – put on wall, newsletter, social media, schools, constant contact, put it on park vehicles Can we put things in the QR code in the newspaper/newsletter? Put banners on tennis courts etc.

Can you have paper copies for people who don't know how to use internet.

Lianne: Can sent it up on a google form for us and send it out

Joe: Ask if they currently participate in any programs with the park district

Kathryn: Are the park districts events advertised at the Library etc. – yes is the answer

Tom: Asked if the library, park district, village etc. to make sure they all know when the big special events will be so that library touch a truck isn't the same time as park district etc.

Lianne: Programs should be available next week on the website.

Let people know we exist – Tab on website and the email will go to info and Lianne will forward it on. Lianne will put out an email blast to let people know we are here.

4.0 Fundraising:

Ryan: if we raised money – how would it be used? If we raised \$10,000 what could that be used for. Could the money be used for more open gym. Money go to park district programs, can it go to help families play baseball, softball, AYSO.

How do you get the money every year? Fundraiser event, go fund me account.

Lianne: come up with a project and that would be the goal.

Wayne asked Joe: if we could get money could it be used for scholarships.

Joe: how do you decide who gets to use it? Etc. Foundation would have to be created.

Kathryn: We really need to come up with what is the actual need. So that we can advertise for it as to where the money is going to and let people know what the need is.

Joe: Clarendon Hills – needs 6-8 millions to fix pool or it will close. Westchester is about there in a few years with our pool.

Kathryn: asked how many scholarships used now: **Lianne:** we give a mostly through the summer camp and it's a few children not whole families

Wayne: Can Superbowl squares be used as a fundraiser? NCAA tournaments (March Madness)

Joe: Board can make exceptions to allow it to happen but can't be run by the park district.

5.0 Events – Bigger ones:

Wayne: Picklepalooza is a must. – who would run it? Park district or us?

Dueling Pianos – could the money from this be used to scholarship fund? Possible fundraising

Trivia nights: Liquor liability fee.

Scavenger hunt: could make money

Kathryn: these events allow community to come together. Should start with one event?
Picklepalooza is probably one we should start with.

Ryan: Do we have to go to the park district board and present it to the board.

Steve: if it's an event that needs something the board has to approve than it needs to be presented otherwise just bring it up and schedule with Lianne. Ask Lianne and then she will let us know.

6.0 Facility Usage:

Tom: baseball fields. Is it advertised that it can be rented out?

Lianne: first we go to WBI and WGS and then to those who have rented before. We haven't really advertised since before covid. In processes of revamping.

7.0 Big/Long Term projects:

Wayne: Can you just do the Mayfair diamonds in turf? Just a suggestion

Stage on wheels:

8.0 Potential Board Members:

Still trying to push two seniors

Old Business: none

New Business:

Wayne: had a request for lighted pickle ball courts – winter: lights don't go on

Lianne: it's either on or off. Lights go on April possibly March. Lianne will ask if the timer can go on by day, etc.

Agenda: recycling the same one. If you want something added has to be 3 days before

Next meeting Wednesday February 28, 2024 7pm

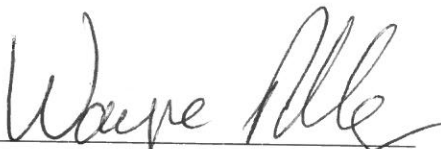
Adjournment Next Meeting:

Motion to adjourn the Citizen Advisory Board meeting made by Tom Weiner and seconded by Ryan Wright

Roll Call Vote:

Citizen Advisory Board Members: Joslyn Kane – aye, Ryan Wright – aye, Wayne Rollag – aye, Tom Wiener – aye, Kathryn Sloan Smith – aye

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm



Wayne Rollag, CAB President



Joslyn Kane, CAB Secretary

Date: 2/28/24