

WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 30th, 2024 7:00PM
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY CENTER
10201 Bond Street, Westchester, Cook County, Illinois

Call to Order:

President Rollag called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Citizen Advisory Board Members: Joslyn Kane – here, Ryan Wright – here, Wayne Rollag – here, Tom Wiener – here, Kathryn Sloan Smith – here, Judy Saraceno Swenson - here

Also present were: Executive Director Lianne Robinette, Park Commissioner Joe Christopher, Recommended new board member Jim Matthews, Park Commissioner Steve Busa

Review and Approval of June 9th, 2024 Citizen Advisory Board Minutes:

No changes needed to be made to minutes

Motioned: Tom Wiener

Seconded: Ryan Wright

Roll Call: Joslyn Kane – Aye, Ryan Wright – Aye, Wayne Rollag – Aye, Tom Wiener – Aye, Kathryn Sloan Smith – Aye, Judy Saraceno Swenson - Aye

Public Comments: Kathryn Sloan Smith's son was drafted by the Houston Astros

2.0 Potential Programs or Classes: -

Public complaints:

- Can they turn some other tennis courts into pickleball courts? People are just sitting waiting to play and can be intimidating when there are people waiting especially when they aren't that great. Joe – We began talking about making some at Community Center Tennis Courts. But it costs money so they will have to budget the money because the whole court needs to be converted. Wayne – Can you convert Drury Lane courts to Pickleball only? Joe – courts are being used until 11ish Judy – move rules to wear the rackets go so people know the rules and the rules for if people are waiting. Also wind screens on the fencing
- People are asking if there is money in the budget or a deficit, what should we say? Joe – We budget out for projects for 15 years out. If there's extra then we can move it to other items.
- High Ridge hopefully will be completed by October.
- Why pool lifeguards don't get paid while training? – They technically aren't employees yet until after training. The park pays most of the training, they only pay \$150 (lifeguard) and are hired contingent on passing the training. Have had guards do the training and then leave before even working.
- Jim – what does the park need to consider expanding exercise classes because there are people that want to participate but not enough equipment? Lianne- need more storage to store the equipment.

- Kathryn – When will the next brochure be out. Lianne- the static classes will appear first. Then when Chandler has a handle on things it will appear. Mid September should start seeing

3.0 Marketing or Promotion:

4.0 Fundraising: No new business

5.0 Events – Bigger ones:

- Lianne talk to Adrian – she will be in charge of play
 - o They will need about 5 ambassadors but will be in charge of the paddle mastering.
 - o Use the tennis courts as more of a training facility
 - o Open play with energizers, youth and adult participants
 - o She will handle getting equipment from the other park districts to help with those who don't have equipment
- What kind of volunteers do we need. So that we can get people who we need
- Judy – can get people who have the training to serve beer if we need more
- Wayne – Maybe some of the people who play all the time we can have them on the line explaining things
- Two banquets that day, so parking may be an issue. Locker rooms bathrooms will only allow to be used for the banquet. There are two porta pottys
- Reach out to DP to inform them about the event. Put signs up so that people won't park there.
- DJ Tom – can mix in Oktoberfest music with in whatever he's playing.

Food and beverage tents:

- Liquor licenses is in processes, Burke is asking what we are looking for to sell.. Summer shanty? Or an Oktoberfest? Miller lite or Modelo. If cans once the case is opened you are paying for it.
- Buy tickets for beer, wristbands for 21 and over
- Food – Paul's Pizza – What does he need. Power? grill? Wayne- brats, hotdogs, pizza? Wayne and Tom will go talk to him.
- Soda and water – boy scouts/girl scouts could handle this and make the profit
- Tables and Chairs – 12 tables and 10 chairs
- Tent – for Paul and soda tent
- Picnic games? Can put them out Chalk, Hula Hoops, Giant jenga.

Maintenance needs:

- 1-2 maintenance guys?
- Use them for set up and then have them come back for clean up.
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Sponsorships:

- Shirts – grey in color. – table the cost of the shirt price to sell.

Sponsors so far

\$2500 – Laura Caldwell

\$500 – State Farm

\$250 – Julie White

\$250 – Cavanaugh Realtors

\$250 – Anytime Fitness – Asked if he can have two people come play pickle ball

\$100 – Gia Marie – Century 21

\$50 – Headliners hair

Donations of balls – company logo on shirt and banner

\$250 – Book club

\$250 – Wayne's firm

Lions club has it up for discussion.

Deadline sponsors are is August 15th for money and logos –
email logos to Wayne – wclad@aol.com

- Make a banner to advertise – one all four parks, one at corner of Mannheim and Cermak.
 - One of Corner High Ridge, Mayfair and Community – Pickled in the Park, date, time and place
 - Mayfair – More detailed signs

6.0 Facility Usage: No new business

7.0 Big/Long Term projects: No new business

8.0 Potential Board Members:

9.0 Old Business:

9.1 Survey Questionnaire Response Review:

10.0 New Business: no new business

Questions:

Next Meeting: August 27th , 2024 7pm

Adjournment Next Meeting:

Motion to adjourn the Citizen Advisory Board meeting made by Judy Saraceno Swenson and seconded by Kathryn Sloan Smith

Roll Call Vote:

Citizen Advisory Board Members: Joslyn Kane – aye, Ryan Wright – , Wayne Rollag – aye, Tom Wiener – aye, Kathryn Sloan Smith – Aye Judy Saraceno Swenson - Aye

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm

Wayne Kelly
10/24/24

Joslyn Kane