

The Minutes for the Park Board Meeting held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center.

Martha Snead opened the Park Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Sally Wahlbrink, Kathy Endorf, Jane Davis, Dave Cross, Kenneth Wilkins and Martha Snead

Absent: Tina Swindle, Judy Mantych, Alderman Don Merz and Mark Dickerson; Director of Parks & Recreation

Martha Snead asked if everyone got their Minutes for the April Meeting and informed the Park Board members we received the new tables for the snack bar area and they are already on the pool deck. The maintenance workers are clearing out everything and getting the pool deck and the pool ready. Right now we have a small leak which is causing a little bit of concern but we're confident it's all going to be fine. A discussion followed.

Dave Cross asked about the tables in front of the building and Martha stated they are there for the Food Truck Fest that will be here tomorrow evening from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Riverview Gardens Jazz Band will also be here. Martha reported they did it last summer on a Friday night and had a really good turnout. Officer Peggy Vassallo was involved with it last year and Officer Dave Owens is doing it now. Since Dave was having trouble coming up with a day they decided to try it in the middle of the week. Hopefully they'll get some people as they leave swim lessons. They are hoping the participants will sit in that area and mingle. That's what they did the last time we did it. The purpose of the event is to raise money for first responders who are injured while on duty.

Martha reported Mark asked me to address the issue of non-resident usage of our building. We always say it has to go to the Park Board for approval. Community Action Agency of St. Louis County is the organization who did the Housing Fair we had not too long ago. They would like to have another one in August on a Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the gym. Another thing they'd like to do is use one of our meeting rooms for a 12 week educational program called "Step up to Leadership". It would meet once a week for 12 weeks for two and a half hours with 10 to 12 participants. Martha reported looking it up on their Website. The description on their Website stated it's for "income eligible community minded people that want to make a difference." Their goal may be to educate people. We don't have to make a decision tonight but the mission of the Community Action Agency organization is to end poverty in the St. Louis area. They provide assistance in all kinds of ways to help with your utilities and educational programs to try to lift people out of poverty. Martha mentioned one of the things Mark was worried about is that it is one of the things required when someone gets out of prison and they are required to do community service hours. I don't think that is on their website but they list a lot of other programs I think applies to that. I think Mark was trying to avoid a program that would require community service hours and they really didn't want to be here or what kind of people we'd be getting in the building that aren't even residents. A discussion followed including whether it's a new agency, where they met in the past, and why they are no longer meeting there. Martha said it may be because they want our facility for free and had to pay somewhere else. Martha mentioned the Mayor has been very accommodating with this organization allowing them to use our gym in the past. It is a lot of work for our employees because they have to go borrow tables from someone else. Dave Cross expressed concern that once you accommodate one group you will be obligated to accommodate any other group that wants to come in. Martha stated this is the second type of program this agency wants to use our facility for. If it's a good quality program we do have space. If it will help members of our community it would be great. A discussion followed including possibly charging a damage deposit. Martha stated charging a deposit isn't a

bad thing. Anyone who used our pool has to have an insurance policy. So I don't think we'd be out of line to ask for a deposit especially if it will be an ongoing program. Martha stated I'd like to know if this is something the people are required to attend or if it is something they want to attend as well as where it will be advertised. We would love to do something for people who are in or right around Bellefontaine Neighbors. I think that's important. Dave asked if the next Park Board meeting will be too late and Martha said I don't know. Mark got this in the mail on May 12, 2016 and it said the program will begin around the end of May. A discussion followed. Martha said maybe Mark will have to call this organization and get some answers. Maybe we could schedule it after the next Park Board Meeting or we could send out an email and you could vote on it that way. So that is something that came up right before Mark left town. If you would like more information about the Community Action Agency their Website is caastlc.org.

A discussion was held concerning the newest plan for Bissell Hills Park. Martha mentioned the colored pictures were so much better. This is one of the most exciting things we've had go on in Bellefontaine Neighbors in a long time. It's an awesome opportunity to do something great with this park. This is a new drawing taking into account your feedback from the Open House in March. It looks like they separated the restrooms from the shelter which I thought was a good idea. The original park sign will stay and they suggest some plantings along the walkway. The multi sport court is interesting because it could just be open play or we could close it off if we are going to run our own program of some kind. A discussion followed including dividing playground areas for different ages. Everyone was in favor of the loop trail. Fixing the steps going up to the church property was mentioned for easier access to parking. A discussion followed concerning the Oak Savannah which is 50% or less canopy. The utility easement was also mentioned as well as start and finish dates.

Martha mentioned the Summer Brochures went out this weekend and asked if everyone received theirs. Resident Registration began today and has been pretty slow. Hopefully that will pick up really quickly. Open Registration will begin next Tuesday. That's when it really gets busy and the programs will fill. We really aren't offering too many new programs this time. I'm hoping to offer some different things in the fall session. Summer is too busy a time to offer something new.

Martha stated that's about it. Getting the outdoor pool ready is our big priority right now. The Street Department is helping to get the grass cut. Our workers also have to cut the grass at vacant houses. Swim Team is getting ready to start and I'm getting some new participants from Matthews Dickey who have a Swim Team that competes during the winter. Some of them will be joining our Summer Swim Team. I'm kind of disappointed that Trinity will no longer be having their boy's swim team. They've practiced here for several years. They will still have a girl's team in the winter. So I'll have to fill that pool time with something else.

Martha mentioned there are lots of things in the brochure that are coming up like the adult pool nights as well as the Miniature Golf Nights. So mark your calendars for those.

A discussion followed concerning the Food Truck Night as well as more information concerning the Community Action Agency of St. Louis.

The Park Board Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Martha Snead, Acting Chairman

The next Park Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center. Please notify the Recreation Center staff by calling 867-0700 if you are unable to attend.

**City of Bellefontaine Neighbors
Transportation Service Monthly Report
May 2016**

Medical Appointments	80
Grocery Shopping (Schnucks, Aldi's, Shop n Save & Riverview Dairy)	40
Banking -US Bank, Regions & Commerce	7
Target/Family Dollar / K-Mart	10
Pharmacy Trips	20
Hair Appointments (Bissell, Shear Perfection)	1
Recreation Center (Meetings & Classes)	28
Pirrone's (5/10)	5
Post Office/License Office	3
Walmart (5/23)	3
Home Depot	1
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Total Participation	198
Total Number of Residents	35
Total Donations	\$0.00

**Bellefontaine Neighbors
Recreation Center Participation**

May 2016

Gameroom:	36
Room # 101:	551
Room # 109:	396
Swimmers:	2,296
Gym Use:	826
Racquetball	
# of hours:	22
# of players:	88
Weight Room:	585
Total Participation:	4,800

Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Center Daily

Date: May 2016

Weight Room	\$126.00
Gym Classes	\$1,382.50
Racquetball	\$122.00
Swim Fees	\$884.00
Swim Lessons	\$5,864.75
Room Reservations	\$1,340.00
Park Reservations	\$740.00
Swim Team	\$2,192.50
Locker Rental	\$12.00
Snack Bar	\$310.00
Gym User Fee	\$340.00
I.D. Card/Passes	\$4,249.00
Special Events	\$674.50
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Miniature Golf	\$95.00
Credit Wash Acct.	-\$222.25
Total	\$18,110.00

Payment Breakdown

Check	\$ 4,772.50
Cash	\$ 6,965.75
Visa/MC	\$ 6,142.00
Amex/Disc.	\$ 229.75
Total=	\$ 18,110.00