

# Parks & Recreation Committee

April 23, 2008

7:30 PM

Chairperson: Steve Mosolansky Council Chambers

## Minutes

### In Attendance:

Steven Mosolansky, Chairperson  
Lisa Blaney-Stewart, Member  
Joe Scioscia, Member via phone

Sharon Helfrich, L/C Director  
Tony Barbarino, DPW Supt.  
Connie Flasher, DAS

**Steve Mosolansky, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.**

### Citizen Comment:

- ❖ Mr. Victor DiDomenico a resident had noted to the Committee that he is unhappy with the way that the baseball field is being schedule.
  - He stated that Northgate School District should have the highest priority when scheduling for games as well as practices.
  - There was discussion about whether or not there are issues about the scheduling of the baseball field.
  - The Committee agreed that through correspondence with Northgate they are not unhappy with the way that the baseball field is being schedules as well as Northgate has the highest priority for games, but games for any organization come before practices.
- ❖ Ms. Michelle Smith explained to the Committee about the coordination that she has been doing for the "Summer Solstice Spectacular".
  - She stated that she has talked to the Public Safety Committee where they had decided to have free parking for this event.
  - She further explained the various events and attractions that they will have available to residents.
  - There was discussion by the Committee about the different events that will be held.
  - She stated that she would like to ask the Committee about offering free swimming for the Saturday and Sunday during this event.
  - There was discussion by the Committee.
  - Mrs. Blaney-Stewart seconded by Mr. Mosolansky made a motion to have a free swimming available for the Saturday and/or Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> during the Summer Solstice Event.
  - There was discussion by the Committee about when the Public Works employees would be needed in order to authorize the overtime expenditure.
  - There was discussion by the Committee about the type of movie that will be shown in Bayne Park for this event.
  - Ms. Smith will bring back a final schedule of events later.

### Library & Cultural:

- ❖ Mrs. Helfrich discussed and reviewed the Library's monthly reports and upcoming activities.
- ❖ She noted that the bill for the concerts at the park has been forwarded to Allegheny General Hospital for payment.
  - She noted to the Committee that the money that was budgeted for the payment for this bill now could be used to possibly schedule more concerts for Bayne Park.
  - There was discussion by the Committee about the various bands that could be scheduled.

- ❖ Mrs. Helfrich explained to the Committee that she had conducted Library Patron Researcher interviews.
  - Mrs. Blaney-Stewart seconded by Mr. Scioscia made a motion to hire Peter May and Linda Haberstich for the position of the Library Patron Researcher.

**Bayne Park:**

- ❖ Mr. Barbarino requested for Mrs. Helfrich to let him know when the DPW could set up the picnic tables in shelter at Bayne Park.
- ❖ Mr. Barbarino noted that there are litter issues in the area around the basketball courts platform.
  - Mrs. Blaney-Stewart stated that she would like to refer the situation to the Public Safety Committee to see if they can give some suggestions on how to rectify this situation.
- ❖ Mrs. Helfrich noted to the Committee that she has had a conversation with a Police Officer about the enforcement of the Permit only shelter in Bayne Park.
  - She requested for Mr. Barbarino to re-paint the stencil that states "Permit Only" so that the Police can enforce removal of those that don't have authorized usage to reduce the pavilion from being vandalized.
  - There was discussion by the Committee about how to improve Bayne Park and how to reduce the vandalizm as well as littering.
- ❖ The DAS questioned whether or not vendors are allowed to sell goods at Bayne Park as designated in the Park Ordinance.
  - Mrs. Helfrich stated that it states in that Ordinance "that duly authorized concession" would be authorized to sell goods at Bayne Park.
  - She further stated that "authorized" vendors would be approved through the Committee.
- ❖ The DAS informed the Committee that she had filed for a DCNR grant for renovations for the parks.
  - There was discussion by the Committee about what is going to be purchased by the grant.

**Swimming Pool:**

- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky stated that interviews were conducted for the Pool manager.
  - There was discussion by the Committee about the interviewed applicants.
  - Mrs. Blaney-Stewart seconded by Mr. Mosolansky made a motion to hire Mary Ward as the pool manager for the 2008 season.
- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky stated that there was discussion about possibly having vending machines available rather than opening the concession stand.
  - He noted that it was determined that it would be better to have the concession stand again rather than the vending machines.
- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky stated that the concession stand ice machine is broken.
  - There was discussion about whether or not the ice machine can be fixed.
  - The DAS stated that Pepsi owns the ice machine and she was told that it is too old and not able to be fixed.
  - The DAS suggested possibly contacting local businesses to see if they would want to donate money for an ice machine or would be willing to purchase an ice machine.
- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky stated that the pool pass costs need to be established.
  - He stated that he would like to add an adult and child annual pass.
  - He stated that he would like the daily admission prices to be the same price regardless of the residency.
  - There was discussion about the daily admission rates.
  - Mr. Scioscia stated that it might be a good idea to contact Avalon about their pricing before the Borough establishes our pricing.

- There was discussion by the Committee about having the same employees handle the admission money so there could be a higher amount of accountability.
- There was discussion by the Committee about changing the pool rental rate for the swim team.
- Mrs. Burns stated that they currently are not charged for the usage for the pool for meets, but that they donate and pay for other services for the pool.
- Mr. Scioscia stated that he would rather charge the swim team a reduced rate for meets rather than requiring them to join the pool by purchasing an annual pool pass.
- The DAS stated that the pool admission rates need to be established.
- Mr. Mosolansky stated that the July 4<sup>th</sup> has been free.
- The DAS stated that the swimming lessons fees need to be established.
- There was discussion by the Committee about the fees for swimming lessons that was received by the previous years pool manager.
- There was discussion about raising the prices for the pool admission.
- Mrs. Blaney-Stewart stated that she would not like to see the rates raised.
- ❖ Mr. Scioscia suggested in using stabilizer in the beginning of the year to save the Borough money for Chlorine.
- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky explained that the Pressley Ridge Organization would like to get a reduced admission for their students for their summer camp.
  - He explained that some of the students are disabled and but they will be supervised by adults when they are at the pool.
  - He stated that the Committee needs to decide what to charge for each student and whether or not to charge for the adults.
  - Mrs. Blaney-Stewart seconded by Mr. Mosolansky made a motion to charge Pressley Ridge \$3.00 for each student's admission to Bellevue Memorial Park Pool for their summer program and not to charge for the adult assistants.
- ❖ There was discussion about what needs to be coordinated for the Memorial Day events.
- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky discussed what activities will need to be coordinated for the Fourth of July events.
- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky explained to the Committee that the pool was broken into last year and the cash register was stolen and damaged.
  - The DAS stated that it would cost approximately \$400.00 to repair the cash register and \$550.00 to purchase a brand new cash register.
  - Mrs. Blaney-Stewart seconded by Mr. Mosolansky made a motion to purchase a new cash register at a cost not to exceed \$550.00 and not to repair the damaged cash register.

**Memorial Park:**

- ❖ Mr. Barbarino stated that he and the DAS are working together to find companies that are willing to log Memorial Park.

**Gillott Field:**

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

**Administration:**

- ❖ Mr. Mosolansky explained to the Committee that a woman is requesting to place a remembrance at Bayne Park for her late husband.
  - He stated that there are concerns about if the Borough lets one individual use Bayne Park for a remembrance then there may be issues with a excessive requests from others that would want to as well.

- There was discussion by the Committee and it was agreed that they have the discretion to permit individuals to place remembrances in Bayne Park, but also will set stipulations and limitations as to what will be allowed.
- The Committee established that they will compile a list of requirements of what will be allowed to be placed in Bayne Park as a form of remembrance.

**Old Business:**

- ❖ Nothing at this time.

**New Business:**


- ❖ Mr. Scioscia questioned if people are allowed to skate in the park.
  - The Committee stated that they believe so.
- ❖ Mr. Scioscia noted to the Committee that he was discussing the trees in the parks with a tree expert who stated that all of the buckeye trees will reach old age at all once.
  - He stated that the expert suggested start planting other trees to offset the buckeyes that are dying off.
  - Mr. Scioscia suggested the Committee should start researching this.

**Citizen Comment:**

- ❖ Diane Burns from the Tidal Waves presented to the Committee the schedule for the home swim meets for the Tidal Waves.
  - Mrs. Burns explained to the Committee what equipment the Tidal Waves own up at the Pool.
  - There was discussion about what needs to be coordinated between the new Pool Manager and Tidal Waves.
  - The Committee stated that they would have Diane Burns and the new pool manager discuss and coordinate these things amongst themselves.
- ❖ Mrs. Burns stated that she would like to purchase storage cabinet to put into the guard room for storage for the Tidal Waves.
- ❖ She stated that the Tidal Waves would like to plant the flowers at Memorial park but they will not be able to pay for them.
- ❖ There was discussion about the purchasing of the sound system for the pool.
  - Mrs. Burns stated that she had received a quote last year for a new sound system, not the wiring.
  - The DAS stated that she will look into the budget to see if there is additional money available that can assist the Tidal Waves in purchasing the sound system.
- ❖ There was discussion by the Committee about the things that would be sold at the concession stand.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted

  
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Connie Flasher  
Secretary

**Motions to be made:**

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