

CITY OF BERKLEY
PUBLIC NOTICE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA
7:00 P.M. August 10th 2023, COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

Present: Mike Kerby, Melissa Hammond, John Nicolai, Gary Polk, Betty Smith, Andrew Boring

Also, present: Theresa McArleton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved by Gary Polk, support by John Nicolai

APPROVAL OF 2/9/23 MINUTES: Approved by Betty Smith, support by John Nicolai

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public in attendance

BOARD BUSINESS

1. NEW BOARD MEMBERS

- Welcome to our new board members - Andrew Boring and Dan Terbrack.

2. PROGRAM UPDATES

- Spring classes were packed.
- We ran a number of classes at all of the parks, ton of park programming.
- Drop-in play was packed every Wednesday. It doesn't run it in the summer, but it will come back in fall.
- Biggest #s in years at Parent/Tot. Delaney did an amazing job. She is going back to teaching, and Sam will be taking over.
- Summer day camp sessions have also been busy.
- Fall classes include things like Jump-A-Rama, dog obedience, karate, guitar lessons.
- Some ideas for potential fall classes were shared, like hunter or boater safety.

3. BUDGET 2023/24-24/25

- April/June: City went out for milage that didn't pass. Many capital projects were cut.
- The only capital projects that we have for 23/24 is to rehab the fields at Merchants. That work will go out to bid, and hopefully be done after the fall season.
- Increase revenue needs to happen– a lot of things we haven't charged for, will need to be charged for (e.g., meeting room, room space, etc).
- School district will receive a charge for field use.
- Will be running events in 23/24, but fewer to keep cost down.
- These are the immediate changes; the next budget could be more drastic.

4. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

- Jaycee:
 - Playground completed about a month ago. It was open for a couple of weeks, then closed for a couple of weeks for walkways. A grand opening will occur on 9/20 at 6pm, with a ribbon cutting.
 - Already received antidotal e-mails and messaging from parents who really appreciate the inclusivity.
 - Concrete looks great.

- Because we do not have funding for restrooms or pavilion updates at this time, there will be some open public meetings about potential grants. We would not find out until 9/24 timeframe whether we get that.
 - Walkway at Oxford.
 - Fieldwork at Merchants will also be done.
 - On Coolidge, DPW is moving sidewalk and widening.
 - Biggest cost for Jaycee and Oxford will be surface maintenance.
- 5. SUMMER CAMP**
- We sold out for many of the weeks in the summer. Numbers were high. Overall great feedback from campers.
 - The biggest thing is with summer camp is transportation costs continue to go up and up. May need to increase the program fees next year a bit to offset.
 - Costs went up slightly to use Anderson this year.
- 6. SPECIAL EVENTS**
- Amanda has done a great job with summer events. Very well-attended.
 - Ice Cream Social on 8/24 at Oxford. Will have ice cream and blow-ups. Will show our final movie (Super Mario Brothers) as well.
 - Great music last night at the summer concert.
 - Summer concerts also on August 30th, and a rescheduled one on 9/13 (from a rain out).
 - Story time in the park with the library this summer.
 - CruiseFest/Dream Cruise will keep things busy for the next 10 days. Showing Ghostbusters doing CruiseFest. IKEA is bringing in seating for the movie. Food vendors, music all ready to go.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Appreciation to the Parks and Rec team for all they do. Welcome to our new members.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2023