

CITY OF BERKLEY
PUBLIC NOTICE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA
7:00 P.M. October 12th 2023, COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

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

Also, present: Theresa McArleton and Ross Gavin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved by Gary Polk, support by Betty Smith

APPROVAL OF 2/9/23 MINUTES: Approved by John Nicoali, support by Andrew Boring

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public in attendance

BOARD BUSINESS

1. PROGRAM UPDATES

- Fall programing is back in the building. Building is very busy during the day. Dog obedience continues to sell out. Gymnastics full. Senior Classes full.
- Trying to bring back dance classes in the spring.
- New Parent and Tot instructor (Sam).
- First drop-in play last week. First time we are charging for the class. \$2/resident \$3/non-resident.
- A whole lot of programming coming up for the holidays, particularly for seniors. Starting to do night events for seniors. Those classes sell-out very quickly.
- New Berkley Times is going out soon.
- The board is welcomed to help at the Senior Party on the 13th, if interested.
- Working on the newest Berkely Buzz that will come out the 1st week of December.

2. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

- Bacon was completed. Thank you to those who attended the opening. The new sign went in this week.
- Walkways at Oxford Park were completed, making it more accessible.
- We bid out the infield for both Merchants 1 and Merchants 2. Thought we had a contractor that was within budget. Unfortunately, some of the documents that had to be submitted were not submitted, so we cannot move forward with that. Since the fields will need to be used in Spring, it will have to wait until Fall of 2024.
- Looking at doing walkways at Community with CDBG funding, hopefully in the spring of 2024.

3. LONG-TERM PROJECT PLANNING

- There is a lack of funding right now; however, Teresa would like input/recommendation on things that could be done.
 - Perhaps a walkway path from 12 Mile to Coolidge near Roseland (to make a more welcoming entry into the city and enable walking), pocket parks, or a trail on the east side of the city, or a pocket park at Edgewood and Woodward.

- At some point, the tennis courts outside of the building will need to be done.
- Applying for grant funding for updating the pavilions and bathrooms at Bacon.

4. RECREATION GRANTS

- We will be seeing an invitation for a community meeting for the grants that we are applying for at Bacon, which are due 4/1. A grant was completed today for the urban and community forestry department to plant various types of trees at Oxford Park. We are also asking for a 3-year watering contract with this. We will find out in the next couple of months if we will get that, but we are hopeful.
- As the winter comes, we'll continue to look for other things.
- The state is giving us \$380K to be used for community center/facilities. We would like to put a new roof on the community center building, as it is well past its shelf-life and multiple areas that leak when it rains. Hopeful to use some of that money to do that. We may do the east wall, and potentially replace the front doors. Looking into if we could use some of the money at other facilities around the city, but that is unknown at that time.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Everyone is very thankful and appreciative of all the hard work from the Community Center staff.
- Teresa spoke about the Friends of Berkley Parks and Rec. The group continues to fund many things: candy for tale on the trail, they are also looking into funding an expense for one of the concerts, and looking at funding bike racks for some the parks. They have been very supportive to the staff. Very grateful for that group.
- Ross Gavin: Thankful for this group and all that they do and for putting forward the recreation grants.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2023