

CITY OF BERKLEY
PUBLIC NOTICE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA
7:00 P.M. – VIRTUAL ZOOM INFORMATION, AUGUST 13, 2020

Following the Governor's executive order this meeting was held via an electronic platform.

Present: Melissa Hammond, John Nicolai, Greg Patterson, Gary Polk, Betty Smith, Joshua Pollard, Mike Kerby. Joshua Pollard

Also Present: Theresa McArleton, Mayor Pro Tem Bridget Dean,

CALL TO ORDER: 7 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motioned by Greg Second by Josh

APPROVAL OF 6/11/20 MINUTES: Motioned by Melissa, second by Josh

PUBLIC COMMENTS- No public in attendance.

BOARD BUSINESS

1. **FIVE YEAR RECREATION MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION
CARLISLE/WORTMAN**

Chris Nordstrom 3 focus groups and one with staff, also town hall was held last week. The survey closes tomorrow. Chris spoke on the five-year plan and preliminary results. 440 responses already. This is highest seen when compared to most communities. Maintaining parks is 92%, developing sidewalk and train 73%. 66% replies state that Berkley has the correct number of parks. Chris gave a percentage on approval of the parks and what the parks have to offer 75% overall. The community center park was rated the lowest. 71% replied they walk to the park. Top activity the replies wanted to see was a trail. The number one requested amenity was 62% wanted a community center. 94% would like to see more sustainable features such as trees and LED lighting. 81% were in favor of working with other communities to create a trail system with other communities. 61% of replies participate in programs. Top five special request events were all events that are current including art bash and summer day camps. 74% approved fees. When asked if they would approve a bond 34% said yes 14% said no. 66% said they would support a bond for a new community center. Asked what the board would like to see. More details will come soon when the survey ends. The board would like to see a farmers market if space is available. Chirs will continue to look at ways to improve the parks based on the results. To have trails started it would take a regional plan. There is a group that is currently working on the community center needs. The group was meeting before the current pandemic. It was asked what is the best way to reach the people in the community? What is the best strategy for outreach? How to stop false information?

2. **OUTDOOR PROGRAMMING**

With the community center being closed. The staff and instructors moved many classes out outdoors. Many have noticed the parks are full of people with the events and enjoying it.

3. **BATTING TUNNEL**

The batting tunnel is now open for use. The noise and hours are currently being monitored by staff. Feedback has been positive from neighbors.

4. **OXFORD/MERCHANTS PARK UPDATE-**

City Council recently approved the funds to start the park project. The bids come in higher than originally expected. Several reasons were discussed as the reasons the bids are higher. Phase 1 and Phase 2 were approved. These include the splash pad and new playground equipment, and walking paths, bathrooms. 2021 May-hopeful completion date. Staff will keep the board updated on progress.

MISCELLANEOUS

Greg- Welcome to Melissa and great to see the parks being used.

Josh- Welcome to Melissa. Glad to see the parks are being used. Gaga pit was exciting to see the boy scouts build this.

Melissa- Glad to be part of the board and is looking forward to working

John- Welcome to Melissa,

Betty- Understands the amount of work that will be put in and thanked staff for working on this goal. Suggested to hold the next meeting outside with social distancing rules applied.

Gary Welcome to Melissa. Is happy to see the parking being used more.

Bridget Dean- Welcome to Melissa. Gave an update on what has been approved at the last meeting. Has been working on forming a high-risk response team for domestic and intimate partner violence.

Theresa- Welcome Melissa. A playground inspector is coming to the parks next week and a light pole and netting inspector. Park names were discussed with city staff as to how to rename park names as suggested at the last board meeting.

Mike- Welcome to Melissa. Agree with the soft surface addition. Would like to see a farmers' market. Fall baseball will be starting in a few weeks with Covid-19 guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT 8:59 PM