

## **Recreation Commission**

### **February 18, 2010**

Called to order at 7:30am

Roll Call: Stiney Vonderhaar, Michele Gottschlich, Wayne Mosley, John Doviak, Pamela Meyers, David Nichols, Alicia Hirnikel. Absent: Gus Janszen.

Recognition of Visitors: Jim Cole, Resident and Gorman Heritage Farm board member

Motion to approve January minutes made by Pamela Meyers; seconded by Stiney Vonderhaar. Motion approved.

Great job to Kim Pielage regarding this month's report.

Addition to the agenda: Jim Cole - Gorman Trails discussion

#### **New Business**

##### **Jim Cole - Gorman Heritage Farm Trail System**

- Trail quantity is being re-thought because there are currently too many trails to maintain. Pastures are also being installed and gates between pastures need to cover the trail width so animals can be easily moved between pastures. Changes in staff may have lead to the fences being laid out differently than what was explained to Commission and neighbors. Currently, Gorman is developing the pastures, then the walking trails will be designated. Animal and people safety come first in the plan.
- Grants have been applied for but no word yet as to whether or not the farm will receive any. Standards should be developed for all Evendale trail signage, and for pathway surfaces.
- A joint sub-committee should be formed to help develop the standards. Members of the committee would come from Recreation Commission, Gorman Heritage Farm, Griffin Preserve, Moving America Forward Bike Committee. This would allow for one collective voice to the village engineer for road and other projects. URS Engineers might volunteer some time to help the farm with their trail development. URS is currently working with the BAGERS Bike Committee on the bike trails.
- Communication between commission and the farm has been an issue; however, Jim's attendance today is greatly appreciated and has relieved many concerns. Today looks to be the opening of more communication between the groups; and we look forward to working even more with the farm.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Evendale Bike Plan update**

- The City of Woodlawn has asked to join the BAGERS group; so the group continues to grow.
- The mission statement continues to be fine tuned.
- Safe routes to schools are also being investigated. The group is looking for a stakeholder or resident to contact. Evendale Elementary is on board with the plan already.
- Blue Ash Police Department holds a bike rodeo each year. We may do something in connection. Kristen Maiden is working on Evendale's Bike Month events.

- Things are moving:  
Sharonville is going to have a hearing about adding bike ways to their downtown projects and onto their grant requests. Their restaurants and stores, and a potential hi-speed train depot, make the area a destination point along the bike trail.  
A contract with URS Engineers has been signed.  
The master plan will give priorities for the project.  
The stakeholders' list continues to grow as more people become actively involved.  
The pilot survey is being constructed to find out the residents interest and needs regarding the bike trails.
- A sub-committee with Gorman, Griffin, the bike trail group, and the recreation department is being formed to keep everyone "in the loop" and to help establish priorities, signage, pathway material, etc.
- Members of the BAGERS group will travel to Columbus on March 30th for a statewide meeting.

#### Lifestyle Essentials Report

- The monthly report in the commission packet was reviewed.
- January 25th appears to have been a record attendance day with 191 people using the fitness center.
- Fitness classes continue to go well.
- Lifestyle Essentials seems to be doing a great job.

#### Director's Report

- The policy sub-committee was formed. Wayne Mosley and Gus Janszen will join David Nichols on the committee.
- The HVAC project started; but has been delayed because of February's record snow fall. The new units are more efficient, so the village engineer will apply for government rebates.
- A third quote is coming for the replacement of the pool boiler (never received). The first two have been under the state bid limit so a decision should be made next week. (Decision: Feldcamp Enterprises, Inc at \$19,500.)
- A comment card was placed in the fitness center regarding parking concerns. The person commented that parking can be terrible during certain times. The person was wondering if a parking pass system or other system could be implemented. They did not like having to park in Baxter Park, or at the Administration/Police Building, when they came down to workout in the fitness center. (Only a handful (or so) of times during the course of the year is there a parking issue.)
- David passed around demographic charts for the fitness and facility memberships.
- The revision of the fitness management contract captured about \$9000 in 2009; monies, which in the past, would have been distributed to the management company.

#### Phi Lambda Pi Report

- Eleven Phi members (all girls) and four chaperones will leave tomorrow (2/19) for Gatlinburg. A weekend of sightseeing, shopping, snow-tubing and more is planned.
- The Boy Scout Venturing Program is being looked at for the PLP group. Some options might be done with the scouts while others would be done with only Phi members. The teens are leading this review, then they will report back to the Phi advisors.
- The annual awards night is being planned. Awards night is April 17th.
- The trip to Myrtle Beach, July 24-29, is also being planned. Deposits for members wishing to go

are due March 10th.

- Six to ten members recently attended the Playhouse in the Park Outreach version of Cyrano. This was followed by pop and pizza for the teens.
- The average Wednesday attendance is about 30.

Open discussion

- Challenger soccer will be back this summer.
- A-Level baseball may make a return this year. This would be the first time in more than fifteen years that we have fielded an A-Level team.
- Commission's next meeting is March 18th.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:46am by Michele Gottschlich; seconded by Pamela Meyers. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Thole  
Administrative Secretary