

Evendale Recreation Commission
March 18, 2010

Called to order at 7:32am

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

Motion to Approve the February minutes as amended made by Stiney Vonderhaar; Michele Gottschlich seconded. Motion approved.

Change second bulletin under the Gorman Farm discussion to *"We appreciate the enhanced communication; we look forward to working even more with the farm."*

Membership numbers and graphs are sensational. The numbers, including the usage data, shows a lot is happening at the recreation department.

New Business: none

Old Business:

A. Evendale Bike Plan Update

- The work going on is phenomenal, the momentum remains unstoppable.
- Gus is reviewing Evendale ordinances and also working on the broader legal issues. He has contacted Steve Magus, an expert on bike related laws.
- A database is being created with emails and addresses of everyone involved. Many thanks to Lynne and Pam for their hard work!
- The suggestion was made to consider creating a website for everyone to find and leave information, similar to soccer information dissemination.
- Next meeting for BAGERS is March 24th.
- Earth Day events are planned. The bike portion will be held on Sunday, April 25th from 1-3pm. This includes a 1.5 mile bike ride to Gorman Farm and/or an advanced ride (4 miles) for the more serious cycling enthusiasts. In addition, a Bike Rodeo is scheduled for May 15 from 11-1. The bike rodeo includes a safety course for kids. Both bike events will take place in Evendale; but other BAGER communities are invited and providing assistance. Thank you to Kristen Maiden who has truly stepped up to lead our Bike Month planning.
- The first Bike Master Plan Stakeholders' meeting is scheduled for April 29th. An invitational letter will be mailed out shortly. Every effort will be made to keep the meeting approximately sixty minutes long. The pilot survey will not go out with the invitation but will be sent out separately to a random selection of residents. (Note: The April 29th invitation letters were mailed on March 24th and many RSVPs have been received.)

B. Essential Lifestyle Report

- Congratulations to Stiney Vonderhaar for being named the fitness member of the month.
- Everything seems to be going very well in the fitness center and everyone seems pleased with their efforts. The classes are going well; and the staff is out on the fitness center floor helping patrons.

Director's Report:

- The demographics information is reflected by the new software.
- The HVAC and roofing projects have begun.
- The boiler project at the pool will start early April and must be completed by May 1st. Cost quote was \$19,500.
- Egg-Stravaganza, our celebration of spring's arrival, will be this Sunday from 2-3:30pm.

Phi Lambda Pi Report:

- Award's Night will be April 17th at 7:00pm. This year's theme is formal ballroom. There are only three graduating seniors this year.
- Applications to be on the governing committee will be accepted until March 24th. This will ensure governing committee members truly wish to serve and have the time to commit.
- HoneyBaked Ham sales continue until March 26th.
- There are approximately sixty total members; with an average of thirty members attending weekly. Girls continue to out-number boys.
- Alicia is a real gem. She not only sits on Recreation Commission; but she also active with the Northeast Community Challenge which works collaboratively in promoting healthy lifestyles for a healthy community, positive community values and positive youth development.

Open Discussion:

- On March 30th, Stiney and Michele will go to Columbus for the Healthy Communities Workshop. They are expecting to gain much insight on bike trails and other healthy community activities.
- The question was raised about extending the shelter house rental out to one year instead of six months. The policy subcommittee will take this up for review. If the policy is eventually changed, a cancellation fee should be put into effect.
- Gorman Heritage Farm has asked for continued financial support from the village. Commission agrees the farm is an important asset to the village and assistance should be granted.
- Soccer has started. Many of our coaches have returned for another season.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:37am by Stiney Vonderhaar; seconded by Pamela Meyers. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Thole
Administrative Secretary
Evendale Recreation