

Evendale Recreation Commission

June 17, 2010

Called to order to at 7:30am

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

Recognition of Visitors: Cary Belyea, SwimSafe Pool Management

New Business:

A. Cary Belyea, SwimSafe Pool Management

- Season is going great and has been very hot.
- Jon Bennett will be leaving before season's end to prepare for his new teaching position in Chicago. Lauren and Corey are the assistant managers and Lauren is preparing to step in as pool manager when Jon leaves for Chicago.
- 95% of the staff from 2009 have returned. Two saves have already taken place this year; both involving children who just walked into deeper water and were not ready. Great job to "Tiz" Shadley and Meghan Schababerle. SwimSafe's Emergency Action Plan will be practiced some time this season. A crisis plan is also in place for employees, if a crisis would happen. This plan would help the employees if the worst, or near worst incident, would happen. It has been nine months since small children were in the pool; so due diligence is always in play.
- Lauren organized this year's swim lessons; and things went very well.
- The new boiler is up and running (it is not needed on these 90 degree days).
- SwimSafe's employee newsletter will be emailed to Commission members' packets during the swim season.
- Guards were concerned when SwimSafe began, and the few hours they were assigned; but many are now doing well with all the substitute-needed hours that have been posted. 30 to 35 guards need to be hired each year to cover events, vacations, sick leaves, etc. The new staff hires have been gems.
- This is SwimSafe's fifth consecutive season running the pool. Cary has been working with the pool, David, and the Village for nine or ten years total. It is a great partnership.

Approval of Minutes:

- At the last commission meeting, there was discussion regarding fences and their placement on farm property being at least 100' from the farm's residential neighbors. After that last commission meeting, Commissioner Pamela Meyers attended a meeting at Gorman Heritage Farm. There she received a copy of the farm's contract with the village. The contract references trail placement, not fences, being 100' from residential property lines.

Under section 2.4.3 of the contract, it reads:

The Foundation shall maintain and may construct walking trails and path on the Gorman Farm. No walking trails, paths, paved areas, building or structures (other than fences) shall be established within 100 feet of any residential lot abutting the Gorman Farm. This restriction shall not apply to the existing drive ways from Reading Road and Winnebago Trail to the existing farm house on the Gorman Farm or to additional paths constructed or established by Evendale.

- Issues discussed at a recent council committee meeting included (maybe) adding a farm representative to the Recreation Commission, and turning maintenance of some farm trails over to the village.
- A visit to the farm is planned for Saturday, July 24th at 8:00am. Recreation Commission members, farm board members and staff, Chuck Melampy, Griffin Preserve Committee members are all invited to join the meeting. The discussion will include trail placement, trail condition and futures, trail surface standardization, and more.

Motion to approve, with the additional contract information, made by Wayne Mosley; seconded by Stiney Vonderhaar. Motion approved.

Old Business:

A. CACC Bike Path Update -

- The group is currently working on community codes and developing a standard for bike ordinances.
- The Art Works Program (the group responsible for the Flying Pigs in Cincinnati and the Squirrels of Glendale statues) is planning a bike rack design program. We have existing plain silver bike racks, and the idea was raised about having students at the Evendale Cultural Arts Center do something to the bike racks located on the village grounds. It may be something as simple as painting it a fun color or maybe adding pieces to look like something from the farm or an aircraft engine, or something else related to the village's past, present, or possible future.
- URS is preparing a presentation for council committee. At a previous council committee, Councilman Schaefer asked about doing a traffic study; these studies are part of phase 2. Surveys have been returned and those results are being tabulated.
- Wayne Mosley wishes this would have come up when they (the village) was designing some of our streets because he is already seeing a lot more bikers "buzzing" everywhere; Michele Gottschlich has the same sense. It's great that the bikers are out there but it seems they are dragging down traffic; not so much the "suited guys" but the ones that ride in the middle of the road. It would be great to have that extra 3'-4' feet of roadway. Evendale is 20 years behind on this issue. Michele stated safely riding in traffic is what League of American Bicyclists' Smart Cycling program is about.
- League of American Bicyclists' Smart Cycling is a three day program that covers bicycling in traffic safely. This program costs \$50.00 per person to attend. Commission members thought this was too long and too much to pay; however they like the ideas in the program. Could the Evendale Police Department develop a shorter, inexpensive version of this program? Councilman Vonderhaar will discuss this with the police department.
- Next year's Bike Rodeo will be advertised (more) in Reading and Glendale. Queen City Bike Club will also help advertise this event. The advertisement will include more information on what a bike rodeo is about. A bike rodeo is a safety course to teach kids how to maneuver their bikes and safety concerns while teaching their parents the importance of helmets, and traffic signals. Evendale Police Department also ran a safety course for the kids to ride through. Certificates may be created and given to those who participate. Consideration will be given to the day and time in May. May is National Bike Month. This should be an annual event. Blue Ash has been conducting the program for years and is besieged with participants.

- Robin Caruthers is working on obtaining Tiger Grant Funds; she asked Evendale to join but we are not ready, and some questions remain regarding the financial commitment. The TIGER II match requirement is 20% local monies, with the grant to match 80% of the project costs. These monies can be used for planning or construction or both. One CACC goal is to tie into the Mill Creek Trails. We have a few more steps to take before we reach the point where Robin is with Mill Creek bike path committee. Grants usually require a Council Resolution to recognize a Master Plan. CACC is still working on the Master Plan. These types of grant monies will cycle again. The goal of having a bike trail along the Mill Creek is a great idea and adds value to a community. We do not want the Mill Creek Trail to go around us.
- Another CACC interest is to get a group of cyclists in the communities to get together once a month to cycle, increase awareness, and to have a lot of fun. So in the process of setting this up, the only thing we need is for ten members of the Cincinnati Cycle Club to sanction this group. The question was asked if anyone on Commission knows a member of the Cincinnati Cycle Club. No one knew a Cincinnati Cycle Club member.
- The next meeting of CACC is August 11 from 3:00-5:00pm. This meeting will focus on laws and ordinances. Gus Janszen and Steve Magnus, a lawyer and bicycling enthusiast, are requested to attend, and all commission members are encouraged to attend.

B. Lifestyle Essentials Monthly Report: as noted in commission's packets.

Director's Report:

- July 4th festivities include the 10K Run in the morning, pool games at 2:00pm, the Kids' Carnival from 6:00-10:00pm and Rozzi's Famous Fireworks at 10:00pm. Most Wanted will be this year's band.
- The shelter house policy change was asked about during the May Council meeting. Any council questions have been answered by Councilman Vonderhaar. This has been or will be advertised in the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Tri-County Press, and the village newsletter.
- The summer camp program, Fun in the Sun, is in full swing; as are swim lessons and swim team programs.
- The Family Pool Party was a huge success (400 people pre-registered, of which 377 were residents).
- The Family Movie Night had a good crowd. The weather may have prevented many from attending; but the rains never came and those who did attend had a great time. We hope to see more moviegoers next time. Movie titles cannot be announced because of licensing constraints.

Phi Lambda Pi Report:

- Chili Lunch ticket sales netted Phi \$148.50.
- July 4th preparations are underway. This is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year for the teen group.
- The Myrtle Beach trip has seventeen kids registered (three spots are still available). Kids have to pay part of the cost and must work on July 4th and sell Split-the-Pot tickets on July 4th.
- A canoe trip maybe organized for August. The fall may bring new trips and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.

- With this year's weather, the concession stand is doing well.
- A collaboration with Blue Ash has not moved forward at this time; however both communities are focusing on July 4th preparations.

Open Member Discussions:

- Blue Ash has moved their July 4th festivities to the commercial park at Glendale-Milford Road and Reed Hartman Highway. How will this effect our events and traffic flow? We will evaluate.
- Evendale Ladies Adventure Club was formed by resident women. The group has grown to about 30-50 resident women looking for fun things to do. Probably every street in Evendale has at least one lady involved in this "adventure club." This is an age not currently being served by the Adult Services program which seems to focus on residents sixty and older. These 20, 30, 40, and 50 year olds have organized such events as lunch get-togethers, a belly dancing class, a curling class, even an afternoon of zip-lining. This group connects via emails. Ideas come from the participating women. One person just needs to suggest doing something at the farm; and those that can attend, show up at the appointed time. It is loosely structured but it still represents a need not being met. What is Adult Services doing to meet the needs of this age group? How can we get these ladies more involved in Adults Services programs, when none of the Adult Services programs seem to target this age group? Mary Weertz-Bent, a "younger" resident, organized a gardening group several years ago, but it "died" off after opposition from Adult Services and its members. Adult Services had a gardening group developing at the same time, but this one was primarily attended by 60-70 year olds. It seems a huge group of residents are being ignored by the Adult Services program. There are activities for parents and kids, and for people over sixty, but nothing for the age group in-between.
- Sports News:
 - ⇒ Another successful soccer season is wrapping up. Our coaching staff has remained consistent; hopefully this balanced and well-trained group will return for the fall season.
 - ⇒ Adult Soccer has moved to field 2 on Saturday mornings.
 - ⇒ Eleven adult softball teams means this is the most teams in years for our Friday night adult league. With so many teams, we are using fields 2, 3, and 6. Fencing was added to field 6 to delineate the outfield, and for safety reasons because of drainage ditches and the hillside.
 - ⇒ Congratulations to Gus Janszen on being a final four finalist for the OPRA Coach of the Year.

Motion to adjourn made by Gus Janszen; seconded by Pam Meyers. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Thole
Administrative Secretary