

Evendale Recreation Commission

August 26, 2010

Called to order at 7:34am.

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

Recognition of Visitors: Cary Belyea, Owner, SwimSafe Pool Management

- Great Summer so far. Three saves this summer; two requiring the life squad to be called. One was from swim team practice when a child had an asthma attack, the second was an older woman who went down the slide and hit her head. The guards back-boarded her, the EMS personnel responded, and after EMS evaluation, the woman chose not to be taken to the hospital. David and Cary both spoke to the woman about an hour after the accident; she was doing fine and was enjoying the pool (although not the slide). The Evendale Fire Department contacted both David and Cary complimenting the lifeguards and their back-board training and implementation; the procedure was done just the way EMS members like it to be done.
- Cary is developing signage for all the pools SwimSafe manages stating the three biggest rules for patrons: parents watch your kids, no prolonged underwater breath holding; and no diving except in the designated area.
- Jon Bennett has moved to Chicago to begin teaching. The guards held a party in his honor. Jon has been a part of the Evendale pool since he was 14 years old. Lauren Holmes is trying to fill Jon's shoes and is doing great. She has told Cary she wants to come back for the 2011 season. Cary plans to hire two assistant managers and a head lifeguard from within the current staffing.
- 2010 swim lesson program surveys were passed around for members to look over. The surveys had good reviews of the swim lesson program for this year. Lauren did a great job organizing them.
- The early morning adult swim program continues to grow.
- Dog Day at the Pool will be Tuesday, September 14th.
- The pool will close for the season on Monday, September 6th (Labor Day). Each year we look at the predicted weather and staffing potential for the weekend after Labor Day; but this year lack of available staffing will prevent the pool from opening on September 11th and 12th.
- After season projects include painting the pool and checking the return lines for leaks. The pool continues to lose about 15,000 gallons of water per day. Over the winter, Lauren Holmes plans to get her Life Guard Instructor certificate so she will be able to train new guards. Jon Bennett had been doing the life guard training.
- The suggestion was made to David to offer a perk to non-resident pool staff such as a fitness center membership for the summer. This would benefit the staff without cost to the village, and it would encourage guards to stay physically fit year-round. It could also be offered to resident staff who do not have a membership to the fitness center or the recreation department. It would probably only affect two to three Evendale pool staff members.

Motion to approve the June minutes was made by Wayne Mosley; seconded by Stiney Vonderhaar.

Motion approved.

- The July 24th meeting at the Gorman Heritage Farm was attended by 10-12 people to discuss the option for trails at the farm.
- The Evendale Police Department is interested in developing an educational and training class regarding bike safety.
- An invitation will be extended to Barb Rohs to attend the next Recreation Commission meeting to discuss the Evendale Ladies' Adventure Group. Commissioners would like to know more about the group, their activities, and if the department can assist them.

Old Business:

a) Gorman Heritage Farm trail system:

- At the July 24th meeting Michele Gottschlich, Stiney Vonderhaar, Pamela Meyers, Jim Bothe, Chuck Melampy, Sandra Murphy, Jim Cole, David Nichols and a few others met at the farm for a discussion on trails. This discussion included where trails should be placed, who would install and maintain them, signage and funding.
- Jason Ramler, URS Engineer, should be invited to the next farm trail meeting. His working knowledge of trails will be beneficial to the development of the farm's trails. Chris Gordy, the new head farmer should also attend this meeting so pasture areas can be worked around.

b) CACC/Bike Trail Update

- Steve Magnus gave an entertaining presentation regarding bike laws at the last CACC meeting. The communities are currently focusing on updating their respective ordinances to accomplish consistency with neighboring communities.
- John Orbin, a Cincinnati Cycling Club member, is planning to organize bike trips between the various recreation centers on the weekends. John will contact David with details.
- The Mill Creek Project received their grant.
- Phase 1 of the Bike Master Plan is complete. The Council Finance Committee approved funding for Phase 2. The committee briefly reviewed Phase 3, and recommended monies in the 2011 budget and possibly beyond. Michele did a great presentation to the council committee, the members did not ask many questions afterward. Michele greatly appreciated Stiney's support during the meeting.
- Chris Schaefer suggested meeting with ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) regarding adding a bike lane near I-75 during the I-75 re-construction project. If the trail runs along the Mill Creek, there is concern about flooding, business right-of-ways, and more. In general discussions Michele has had with people interested in the trail development, these people have expressed that an I-75 trail would not be as appealing to ride on as one along the creek. Most people seem to be hoping for a version of the Loveland Bike Trail. Never the less, all options will be carefully considered.

c) Lifestyle Essential Report:

- Congratulations to John Doviak for winning the men's division of the Evendale 100 and to Beth Finan for winning the ladies division.
- A new Fit Flex Pass is being introduced for the fall session of fitness classes. This pass is purchased in increments of 5, 15, or 30 classes and allows the buyer to take any of the Lifestyle classes until the card is used up. Fit Flex Passes expire at the end of the session, and cannot be carried over to the next session.

Director's Report:

- The swim team won its 11th straight league championship. Chad Winkle will be back for the 2011 season; currently unsure which assistant coaches will be back. The great coaching staff and the great parent' volunteers made for another good and safe season for our swimmers.
- The recreation center will close at noon this Saturday and will close all day Sunday for our annual maintenance weekend. The floor in the fitness center will be re-sealed and the cardio equipment will be re-arranged. This re-arranging of equipment distributes the miles/hours usage on the machines.
- Gorman Heritage Farm, during current negotiations with council, asked Village council if a new seat could be added to the recreation commission for a GHF representative. Communication between the two groups regarding the trails program, etc., has greatly improved. Would it be best if our relationship remained collaborative instead of a seat on the commission? Could the farm be added to the agenda quarterly? If a new seat

were added, then it should be a resident who is appointed; that position should have some interest in commission's business.

Resolution Adopted by Evendale Recreation Commission on August 26, 2010.

WHEREAS, the Evendale Recreation Commission recognizes the unique special benefits of the presence of the Gorman Heritage Farm in Evendale to the Village of Evendale and its residents and businesses, as well as to the Greater Cincinnati area; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to affirm its appreciation and support of the Farm and its long-term continuation in our community, including, but not limited to, the continued enhancement and maintenance of trails on the Farm used both by Farm membership and Evendale residents and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Commission encourages and supports continued enhanced collaboration and partnership with the Farm through (1) increased invitational presence at meetings of the Commission as the Commission deems productive; and (2) working closely in partnership with the staff and Board of Trustees of the Farm to maintain results-oriented dialogue among the Commission, the Farm, and the Village of Evendale.

Resolution motion made by Wayne Mosley; seconded by Stiney Vonderhaar. Motion approved.

Phi Lambda Pi Report:

- They went on their annual trip to Myrtle Beach. Thirteen girls and three boys went along with three chaperones. A great trip as usual.
- The canoe trip down the Little Miami River from Ft. Ancient was very fun. Eight girls, one boy and three chaperones went.
- New members were welcomed last week. This eighth grade class seems to be fairly equal in regards to the numbers of girls and boys. The last few years, the classes have been significantly more girls. The Fresh Meat competition begins September 1st. This team competition pairs one new member with one existing member for fun competitions over the next few weeks. Many of the now 9th graders are friends with the eighth grade boys so this has helped increase the number of boys joining Phi.
- A few months ago, Alicia was asked by Blue Ash Recreation (Joan Wells) about collaborating to help get a Blue Ash Teen Group off the ground. No further contact has been received from Blue Ash. The suggestion was made to have Blue Ash come down one Wednesday night to join in Phi Lambda Pi's fun. Alicia will pass the suggestion along to the governing committee.
- There are at least nine schools represented in Phi Lambda Pi. Many kids come to Phi each Wednesday to catch up with friends who attend other schools and are busy with homework and sports during the rest of the week. Phi is kids driven so that helps with attendance also.

Open Discussion:

- Thank you was extended to Michele and Stiney for all their hard work with the bike trails program.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:40am by Pamela Meyers; seconded by Stiney Vonderhaar. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynne Thole
Administrative Secretary