

Evendale Recreation Commission
October 21, 2010

Called to order at 7:34am

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

Recognition of Visitors: Jennifer Shapiro, Lifestyle Essentials (LE)

Motion to approve September minutes made by Wayne Mosley; seconded by Stiney Vonderhaar. Motion approved.

Additions to the agenda: none

New Business:

a. Jennifer Shapiro, Lifestyle Essentials (LE)

- 2009 and 2010 have been comparable in usage and the number of patrons achieving the *Wall of Champions*.
- Looking to add “assessment days” to highly promote patrons to get to know their numbers (body composition, weight, blood pressure, flexibility, etc.). The assessment can be done anytime LE personnel are on duty; but many members do not utilize this resource.
- A FitFlex Pass program was started for this fall fitness class session. This pass can be used for strictly one class or a patron can use the flexibility to walk in to any class. All passes expire at the end of the respective session. Evaluations for this program will be going out to class participants shortly.
- The fall incentive program, Fantasy Football, will begin shortly.
- In addition to the Fitness Assessment Days, “member appreciation days” and a “kids’ fitness day” will be forthcoming. During member days, LE will provide complimentary items such as fresh fruit, granola bars, and bottled water. Kids’ day will promote fitness in the 5-9 year old age group with an hour of fun activities at the recreation center.
- A fitness question box will be placed in the fitness center for patrons to ask fitness and health questions anonymously. The question cards and answers will be posted for all members to review.

Old Business:

a. Evendale Bike Plan Update

- The bike lane on Glendale-Milford Road will be delineated by the end of the month.

- The council committee has given permission to work on Phase 2 which consists of a lot of work by URS. (This phase looks at what we have, what we don't have, what we need to do to achieve what we want and costs. Phase 3 is the implementation of phase 2, with the prospective creation of bike trails.)
- Council has openly supported this project in the past months; however, they are thinking the project, given the current economic environment, is prudent. David budgeted monies (2011) for the continuation of the bicycle plan (Phase 3). Focusing on Phase 2 lays the foundation for future road projects. When Phase 2 is completed, ideas could be implemented i.e. when roadways are re-done. Small projects would give a glimpse of what is to come and would create more interest in the project. This Bicycle Plan is a herculean project; we need a roadmap to complete the project, which Phase 2 generates. Phase 3 could be completed as roads are re-done, through grants; or when the economy turns around. There are many bike riders in the village and even more will be out when safer paths are developed. Glendale-Milford Road striping is a great example of staying the course – this bike line would not be in the plans/process of being added if the bike group had not existed and suggested the lane be added.
- Stay the course, and show some type of cost (phase 2) for future bike paths. Keep discussing each month, and keep the project out in the "information lanes." Commission understands the current tough economic times; so let us be diligent when things turn around.

b. Lifestyle Essentials Monthly Report

- Tri-Health would always add the patrons' comments to their monthly reports. Can LE add them also, or can David bring the cards to the Commission meeting? David will bring them.

Director's Report:

- The pool has been painted. The bottom is white with the swim lane lines in black.
- More testing will be done to find the leak(s) at the pool. The deep-end hopper has been filled for the winter (this keeps the pool from heaving during the freeze and thaw of winter).
- Mason Recreation recently hosted a regional luncheon to show off their expanded facilities. Their membership for a family of four, at the premium level, is \$115 per month; the basic level is \$82 per month. The YMCA for a family has a \$150 joining fee, then \$83 per month. Sharonville's family all amenities membership is \$170. Mason charges \$200 plus referee fees for its Adult Basketball League (9 games). David is waiting on the council committee for direction concerning fees for 2011.

Under Evendale code **274.06 CONCESSION PRIVILEGES AND ADMISSION FEES.**

The Public Recreation Commission shall with approval of the Mayor grant concession privileges at the various grounds and other places under the control of the Commission where games, entertainment, and recreational affairs are held. The Public Recreation

Commission shall establish and charge fees and rental for recreational activities and facilities as may be deemed desirable and appropriate in furtherance of recreational affairs within guidelines established by Council.

Commission suggests slight increases in adult sports fees, and keep accounting for costs in our adult sports leagues.

- The 10th Annual Halloween Fest is Saturday, October 23rd from 6-10 pm.

Phi Lambda Pi Report:

- The teens are setting up for this weekend's Haunted Trail at the Shelter House. The Phi kids have come up with the skits this year.
- Entertainment Book sales are under way. Only \$25 per book; sales end in December. For each book sold, members receive \$4 off the cost of the Holiday Party.
- Phi recently had a potluck dinner. They had one in the spring, and it was a success. This one in the fall also proved to be a great success. This event will probably be held quarterly since it has been so well received by the group.
- Holiday Party plans are coming together. Dinner at Montgomery Inn then maybe off to Game Works.
- A new Spirit Wear line is also being considered.

Open Discussion:

- Griffin Preserve Committee had part of the wildflower meadow trail blacktopped at the preserve.
- A fresh coat of blacktop has been laid on the basketball court behind the Recreation Center.
- Tennis play continues at the courts.
- Sherwin Anderson still trains several Evendale children at our recreation center. The children register at the front desk.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:59am by Stiney Vonderhaar; seconded by Wayne Mosley. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Thole
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Evendale Recreation Department