



## Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

5:30pm

- I. Roll Call
  - a. Meeting was called to order by Steve Donahue at 5:31pm
  - b. Roll was taken by Michelle Brennan. All members were present.
- II. Minutes
  - a. Minutes were approved
    - i. Motion made by Ryan
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Teresa
- III. Public Comment
  - a. No public present
- IV. New Business
  1. Programs & Events
    - a. Daddy Daughter Dance was 2/7/19
      - i. 93 registrations, down slightly from last year
      - ii. Possible thoughts for 2020
        1. Move back to a weekend
        2. Move to January instead of February
      - iii. Senior center is a great location for it
      - iv. Will keep Daddy and Daughter theme, just might change from Valentine's Day to Winter/Snowflake
    - b. Winter Farmers; Market—Third Thursday of each month at Senior Center
      - i. Wasn't going to offer, but vendors requested one
      - ii. Other communities have decreased down to once a month as well
      - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday is our day – market is tomorrow 2/21/19
      - iv. Great Harvest Bread seems to be our anchor vendor
    - c. T-Ball/ Baseball/ Softball Registration month of February
      - i. Registrations going this month
      - ii. Trying a new program – 15U

1. Will travel around 270
  - d. Spring Soccer Registration - taking late registrations
    - i. Numbers are down
      1. Not exactly sure why
      2. Down 100 participants from last Spring
    - ii. New thought – only offer 1 time a year instead of 2
      1. Will not change anything right now
      2. Also having difficulty getting coaches to volunteer
  - e. Superhero Soccer Registration open
    - i. Accepting volunteers is interested
  - f. Superhero Baseball Registration opens March
    - i. Received a donation – will use to jerseys
2. Tomato Festival—August 8, 9, 10, 2019
    - a. National entertainment acts – need to officially sign contract before announce
    - b. Discussing layouts
    - c. Working on sponsorships
    - d. Food vendors going well
    - e. Have a beer garden sponsor
    - f. Ride company
    - g. Looking for volunteers
      - i. Schools groups, civic groups etc
    - h. Recommendation for a Princess contest for girls going into 3<sup>rd</sup> grade since festival was canceled last year (little princess contest is for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls)
      - i. Possibly have a JR Princess for incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> grader girls
3. Sports Officials Policy
    - a. Policy on if an official would receive a concussion?
    - b. Ohio High School does not have a policy
    - c. Official is in charge of the game
      - i. Ryan – follow HS rules, but have disclaimer about removing if needed due to injury
      - ii. Teresa – feels that something needs to be in place and if it happened once, it could happen again.
      - iii. Donna – will research more
4. Player Ability Assessments
    - a. Ages 10U and above
    - b. Run Drills/ skills
    - c. In the past – ranked by assessment number
      - i. Usually had fairly balanced teams, no teams lost all games within the season
    - d. Used to balance teams

- e. Have recently gotten away from ranking
    - i. Currently have teams losing all games within the given season
  - f. Any suggestions on a better way?
    - i. Simplify rankings with a 1, 2, 3 scale
    - ii. Feel that rankings are good to help assist in leveling the playing field
5. Landscape Contract & Irrigation Contract 2019-2020
- a. Received 3 competitive bids
  - b. Yard Solutions selected for landscape contract
  - c. Irrigation is a separate contract – Environmental Management selected for that
  - d. Susan – question if the school could grow seedlings for the landscape plant replacement?
6. Renting the Senior Center
- a. Thoughts?
    - i. A good revenue stream
    - ii. Gahanna Senior Center does rent out theirs
    - iii. Will research other areas and their pricing
7. Signs
- a. Looking into getting better signage
  - b. Waiting on an official logo – working on it
    - i. Chet recommended maybe having a contest at the schools for students to design
8. Senior Center Report (Chet McMullen)
- a. Completed Main room Lighting
  - b. Parking lot has some steel plates related to YMCA construction
  - c. Floors were recently stripped and waxed – look great
  - d. Accepting Board member applications – Sue Miller, President has resigned
  - e. Donations for Helping Hands collection – March and April
  - f. Tax Prep is currently going on – all appointments are filled
  - g. Upcoming events coming up in March
    - i. Gold
    - ii. Elder Fraud
    - iii. Lawyers Series
    - iv. Police Dept Home Safety
    - v. Witty Trivia
9. Reynoldsburg City School Report (Susan McLaughlin)
- a. 9X impact – focus on High School readiness
    - i. Project and problem based data
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Livingston Campus

- b. Redesigning all academy pathways
- c. Healthy Fair March 7
- d. Business Fair April 18

V. Other/Old Business

- 1. New Rodebaugh Rd Park---Let's think of a new name!
- 2. Next Meeting— March 27, 2019 5:30pm

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm
  - i. Motion to adjourn: Teresa
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chet