

WESTWOOD RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of Nov 19, 2018

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 8:03 P.M. by Chair Angelo Pira.

Present: Councilmember Beth Dell, Chair Angelo Pira, Board Members Michele Fedorchak, Jodi Murphy, Kenroy Morrison, Bermari Roig, Jennifer Scardino, Recreation Director Gary Buchheister
Absent: Board Members Michele Hastings, Amy McDevitt

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Roig made a Motion to Accept the Minutes of October 15, 2018 as presented; Member Murphy seconded the Motion; All in favor, the Motion passed.

3. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

4. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilwomen Dell reported on the following:

- a. Modification of the 46x60 little league baseball field at Westvale to 55-70'. To be addressed at the Mayor and Council at the meeting of November 20.
- b. The Chamber of Commerce's Octoberfest was a great success.
- c. Halloween Teen Center Party: Ms Dell stated that the party was a great success and thanked Michelles Hastings and Sembler and volunteers who set-up. Ms. Dell stopped in for a moment and stayed to help supervise as there was such a large turnout of Grade 6-9 children.
- d. Ragamuffin Halloween Event: Ms. Dell congratulated everyone for a great event with good participation despite the inclement weather predictions.
- e. Stigma Free: The Committee is working on establishing a standardized meeting schedule and she will advise when it is confirmed.
- f. Mental Health Training: Participation numbers were not sufficient to proceed. The W. Library is planning a full day session in Dec. The Board and Stigma Free Comm. will be notified. confirmed date. Councilmember Collins suggested a child care service during the Training so parents may attend. Ms. Dell and Mr. Buchheister agreed the best location would be the Community Center.
- g. The Bond Ordinance for the Community Center will be addressed at the Mayor & Council meeting of November 20 and Ms. Dell will provide the update.

Before departing the meeting, Ms. Dell reminded everyone of the Menorah Lighting on Sunday, December 2nd at the Train Station and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving & Happy Hanukkah.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- a. Fall Programs: The Board reviewed the Fall Program spread sheet previously sent to Board reflecting the final registration numbers which were excellent.
- b. Basketball and Wrestling Programs: Basketball Registration is almost complete. Wrestling's registration will continue, generally rostering 70 children. The Wrestling Program will no longer conduct the annual Wrestling Tournament at the WRHS.
Travel Team Tryouts are completed and practices have begun. The 2nd Gr Coordinator, Brian Koch, a PVHS JV Coach, conducted a Coaches Clinic for Travel Coaches. John Santulli, the WRHS Boys Varsity Coach will conduct a clinic for the Boys League Coaches and Charles Collis, WRHS Girls Varsity Coach will conduct a clinic for the Girls League Coaches.
- c. Capital Projects:
 - i. Brookside Park Basketball Court: A bond resolution for the renovation project plans was introduced at the Nov. 20 Mayor and Council Agenda. Construction should begin April, 2019.
 - ii. Westvale 'A' Field Renovation: The project schedule will be determined by the results of the methane suppression work. The project will be postponed to the Fall of 2019.
 - iii. Westvale Park Playground; Shade structures: The equipment has been received. The manufacturer's installers' schedule will be determined. This may occur before the Spring.

- 5.c iv. Community Center:
- a. Front Lobby Renovation: The RFQ will be on the November 20 Mayor and Council meeting.
 - b. LED Lighting in CC: The entire Community Center now has all new LED light fixtures that increases brightness and reduces the electrical usage.
 - c. Bathrooms: Costs are being obtained.
 - d. Kitchen: Mr. Buchheister will review the plans with Borough Architect William Martin on Dec. 14. The project must be done during the summer; everything must in place mid-June.
 - e. Senior Lounge; New Cabinets/Sink: The room will be refurbished as a multi-use facility, concentrating on art programs for all ages.
- d. Master Landscape Plan for Westvale Park: Tabled.
- e. Teen Center Halloween Dance: Mr. Buchheister agreed it was a great success and will be held again in 2019 with minor changes including increased staffing and coordination with Teen Staff. Halloween Parade Re-Cap: Mr. Buchheister requested the Board submit idea for alternate plans / programs for the Halloween After-Parade Event. Discussion followed.
- f. New Over 55 Basketball Program: The new 'Over 55' program will begin Sunday, 18 from 9-10:30am, Free for Westwood / Township residents.
- g. Suicide Prevention Workshop, Pastors Haveman of Parkside Community Church and Pastor Pranschke of Zion Lutheran Church requested a suicide prevention program following the death of a local, young woman. A workshop is scheduled for Weds, Nov 28, at 7:00 pm in the C.C.
- h. Westwood Baseball Assn request for 50 x 70 field: As Ms. Dell previously addressed; A little league field is a 46 x 60 field. Baseball is a 60 x 90 field. The reconfiguration of the field and the use of a portable, second pitchers mound will make this a dual play field. Engineers are reviewing methane trenches which will determine the project's schedule.
- i. Request for a 5K run from Broesler School of Irish Dance, Sept. 2019: Mr. Buchheister explained the logistics of this event to the Broesler School. Borough Administrator Kezmarsky is reviewing the request for this private, fundraising event.
6. New Business:
- a. Over 55 Med Diet – Care One at Valley will provide a Dietician and professional Chef once a month for six months for the 'Over 55' Program including nutritional options and general wellness. A C.B. Grant covers the costs for this and improve/comedy workshops. Discussion continued.
 - b. Teen Center: Two new staff will be hired including a young woman who is a former Summer Playgroud Counselor and CIT of several years, bringing total staff to 5 every week. Many parents have volunteered but the children prefer non-parental High School/College aged staff with Adult Staff members. A Laser Tag event is scheduled for Dec. 14.
6. OLD BUSINESS:
- a. Committee Assignments: Over 55 Programs – Michele, Jodi, Teen Center – Angelo, Youth/Pre-School Programs – Amy, Facility Improvement (Parks/CC) – John, Jennifer: Sponsorship – Jodi, Bermari,
 - b. Capital Improvement Plans – Tennis Courts: Previously addressed
7. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. A New After School, Multi-Sports Program will begin December 4 in the C.C. Gym for Gr. 6 + 7 for a maximum of 40 participants, conducted by Christine Lizzi, a WRSD Phys. Ed teacher.
8. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn was made at 8:34 P.M. by Member Roig, seconded by Member Scardino. The next meeting will be Monday, December 10, 2018.