

**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 19, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Jacob Chesnutt, Ric Gordon, Marc Siegel, Betty Sonneveldt, Kristen Weaver, Michael Lee, Lola Skolnik, Ric Gordon and Lance Beasley

**Staff:** Greg Varda, Acting Director of Recreation Programs  
Debbie Coulter, Administrative Coordinator

**Excused:** Les Whitmer, Mayor Jordan

**Guests:** Fred Gasper

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Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Chair, Jake Chesnutt.

May minutes were approved.

**Presentation by Fred Gasper** regarding Buddy Attick Lake Park Signage – Fred Gasper spoke of his recent visit at the Buddy Attick Lake Park where he witnessed many rules being broken, and how the signage needs to be more visible and appealing to all cultures. He suggested the City be proactive on bringing the cultures together to educate them on park rules, and suggested running a contest so an artistic sign could be developed by the people that use the park.

Discussion on signage ensued. PRAB Members views varied as to the effectiveness of signs, location of signs, etc. at Buddy Attick Park. Greg mentioned the upcoming parking lot renovation and possible redesign of the park entrance. It was decided that the next meeting would be dedicated to review the existing signage, and to identify any changes to the list of park rules. Locations for new signage will be delayed until the renovations are complete.

**Council Referrals:**

**Informational Signage:** Much discussion took place on various areas regarding this issue. PRAB stated that better gateway signage has been in the works for several years, as well as other needed improvements. It was agreed that better gateway signage is necessary.

PRAB and Recreation staff will research various signages on line, as well as review current signage designs in local jurisdictions throughout the summer in order to prepare for the fall meeting. PRAB will have a work session in the fall regarding this item. PRAB will meet again in September at BALP for their monthly meeting.

**Pet Waste Stations:**

Mark reported still seeing dog waste plastic bags in the lake. PRAB would like to hear from Public Works if the waste stations are working, and if people are using them....is it pet waste or trash. PRAB cannot evaluate until they talk to Public Works. PRAB will send a memo to Council.

### **New Business:**

Jake wanted PRAB to think about what projects they would like to tackle in the fall.

- Buddy Attick Lake Park Master Plan and Funding.
- Playground surfacing and concerns of shade
- May have to revisit surfacing port in place. Greg will check with Public Works on how they redo playground surfaces.

### **Old Business:**

**Sustainable Land Care Policy:** Council has received recommendations and is scheduled for a Council Work Session on July 17. Hopefully we will have a policy in place going into our September meeting.

### **Dog Park:**

The proposed dog park has been narrowed down to two locations, Site #4 Lakecrest Drive, and Site #5 Branchville Rd. The Planning Department will be doing surveys.

### **Recreation Updates – Greg Varda**

- Summer Camp Updates – Most camps are at full capacity.
  
- Franklin Park – Programming
  - The Springhill Lake Recreation has been busy non-stop
  - Tutoring continues, as well as the Sr. Exercise.
  - Recreation made a target effort in increasing our programming at SHL due to the cutback on the M-NCPPC summer program.
  - Springhill Lake Recreation Center is having about 50/60 kids per day. All kids will receive a lunch every day from funding from the County.

The next PRAB meeting will be held at Buddy Attick Lake Park, on Wednesday, September 18, at 7:30pm. There will be no PRAB meetings during July and August.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.