

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES –October 21, 2020
Draft

PRESENT: Jake Chesnutt, Betty Sonneveldt, Kristen Weaver, Lola Skolnik, Ric Gordon, Lance Beasley, Marc Seigel, Michael Lee

Staff: Greg Varda, Director of Recreation Programs
Cathryn Pracht, Administrative Coordinator.

Guest: Ian Gleason, Greenbelt Babe Ruth
Judy Kendall, Greenbelt Unplugged
Christine Bailey, Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League

Excused: Les Whitmer, Mayor Pro Tem Jordan

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm by Chair, Jake Chesnutt

September 16, 2020 minutes were approved.

New Business:

Recognition Group Grant applicants:

- **Greenbelt Unplugged – Judy Kendall**
Looking at Fall 2021 for the Unchoir project. PRAB is concerned about lack of modifications to current plan regarding Covid-19 and keeping participants safe. Greenbelt Unplugged is considering withdrawing FY 21 and will consider applying in FY 22.
- **Greenbelt Youth Baseball-Christine Bailey**
PRAB had concerns regarding the expenses for concessions, equipment and electricity. PRAB recommendation is with reservations PRAB would like GYBLL to give more attention to financial section of the application. GYBLL has established a committee to address financial issues.
- **Greenbelt Babe Ruth-Ian Gleason**
The Babe Ruth program is geared toward players aged 13-15 year old junior team and 16-18 senior team. The program primarily serves Greenbelt residents. The program includes nutrition and mental health aspects to help create well rounded players.

MAGLEV Task Force: The City is seeking PRAB representatives to be part of the MAGLEV Task Force. Ric Gordon, PRAB vice chair will represent PRAB.

Beltway Plaza Recreation Facility: Greg Varda shared the plans for the indoor recreation area which are part of the redevelopment plans for Beltway Plaza Mall and the back parking lot. There will be a DSP presentation at the November PRAB meeting. Recreation staff is providing input on flooring, lighting, facility layout, IT infrastructure and other aspects that this facility will need to make it a multiuse facility.

Recreation Department Update
Facilities and Parks

- The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center transitioned to opening the indoor pool with zero downtime. Reservations are required. The GAFC needs lifeguards.
- The Community Center is open for classes and a few select renters.
- The Greenbelt Nursery School will be coming back inside the 1st week of November. Parent

- volunteers will not be taking part in the GNS programs at this time.
- Buddy Attick Park and Schrom Hills Park are monitored daily by our Park Rangers, this will continue through December. Masks are still required in the parks.
 - The dog park is operational. The Dog Park is managed by the Police Department.
 - Springhill Lake and the Youth Center are preparing to open for use by reservations only. Reservations will be for families for an hour in the gym. The facility will close between reservations for cleaning.
 - Basketball hoops are back up with half court use only. Hoops will remain down at Buddy Attick Park, Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center outside courts.

Programs and Events

- Winter activity guide is in development.
- We will lose our outdoor classroom space in the winter.
- Decisions regarding summer camp will be made in the spring.
- Halloween and Fall events will take place at Schrom Hills and Springhill Lake Recreation Center.
- The Gobble Wobble will take place in a different format.
- The annual Festival of Lights Craft Show will be on line this year as well.
- Moonlit movies will end October 30th.

The next ZOOM meeting is scheduled for November 18th

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cathryn Pracht, Administrative Coordinator