

# **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 20, 2022**

**Present:** Jake Chesnutt, Lola Skolnik, Lance Beasley, Matt Sickle, Marc Siegel, Michael Lee

**Council Liaison:** Mayor Pro-Tem Weaver

**Staff:** Greg Varda, Recreation Director  
Cathryn Pracht, Administrative Coordinator

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Meeting called to order at 7:33pm by PRAB Chair, Jake Chesnutt

February Meeting Minutes were approved.

**Council Liaison Report: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver**

ARPA Community engagement continues.  
ARPA Work Sessions scheduled for May and June.  
Buddy Attick Park Masterplan would be good use of ARPA funding.

**Old Business:**

**Neighborhood Design Center/Greenbelt Station**

Community walkthrough scheduled for Saturday, April 23 at 10am and Thursday, April 28 at 6pm.  
It is anticipated the project will take eight months.  
More community engagement sessions are being planned.  
PRAB will review and provide input to draft plan.  
Staff Liaisons: Holly Simmons, Planning and Community Development  
Andrew Phelan, Recreation  
Brian Townsend, Public Works.

**Buddy Attick Park Masterplan**

Lobbying to fund the masterplan through ARPA.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Weaver agrees that the masterplan falls within the ARPA funding guidelines

**Buddy Attick Park Parking Lot**

First row of white pines were removed.  
Parking lot will partially close of Friday, April 22.  
Patrons are being directed to use the Youth Center and Library parking lots.  
On weekends, parking will be permitted on Crescent Road.  
Access to Public Works and the Recycling Center will remain open.

**Ponding at Lakecrest Drive entrance to Buddy Attick Park**

City Councils is aware of the issue.  
Public Works contacted WSSC, who conducted a water test.  
Brian Townsend, Parks Superintendent reports that he is looking into best options for redirecting the water.

**Recognition Group/Grant Review Panel**

Grant Review Panel meets on Saturday, April 23.  
Greenbelt Senior Softball determined they did not need to request funding this year.  
PRAB will review and report on the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club's application.

### **Recreation Department Updates:**

- COVID restrictions have been lifted. We are still working on returning to normal operating hours at the Aquatic and Fitness Center. There is a need for lifeguards.
- The Summer Camp Guide has been published.
- Staff are heavily recruiting part-time seasonal staff. Staff will attend and showcase seasonal employment opportunities at a job fair held at Beltway Plaza Mall.
- The Recreation Coordinator position has been advertised. Interviews will be held in May.
- Summer Activity Guide is in development.
- Outdoor pool is being prepped for the summer season.
- The Pickleball RFQ yielded two bids. Both bids were rejected for various reasons. Staff will be researching next steps.
- Recreation Department Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30.
- The City is still working on obtaining the Armory Deed. There is no determination on how the City will utilize the property at this time.
- Food Truck Festival was held on March 26. The Labor Day Festival Committee facilitated the event. Turnout was good despite the cold weather.
- The Egg Hunt was held on April 16 at Schrom Hills Park, with a huge turnout. We are finding attendance at City events are becoming more regional than local.
- Our next event will be Celebration of Spring held at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on May 21.
- Greenbelt Day Weekend, Juneteenth and 4th of July celebrations plans are underway.

### **Administration:**

#### **Meeting In-person Vs. Virtual**

PRAB is open to either option.

Meeting will remain virtual.

On occasion, in-person meetings will be held based on meeting materials or presentations.

#### **PRAB Board Member Renewal Process**

New members - renew after 2 years.

Veteran members - renew every 3 years.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cathryn Pracht, Administrative Coordinator