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Fulton Park Board Minutes October 19, 2022

The Fulton Park Board met on October 19th at 5:30 p.m. at the Legends Rec-Plex, 808 State St. Board members in attendance were: Robert Wilson, Chris Garrett, Rick Shiverdecker, Larry Doyle, Brenna Gough, Wayne Bill and Valerie Sebacher (Council Liaison). Absent were: Shane Clines, Jane Hall, Kristy Jackson. Others in attendance were: Clay Caswell Director of Parks & Recreation.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Call to Order

- Chris Garrett called the meeting to order at 5:24 pm.

Comments from Visitors

- There were no visitors

Announcements

- No announcements

Old Business

A. After-School Program

- a) Clay Caswell provided an update on the after-school program stating that the program started with 25 participants and is currently at 19 participants. Some participants were dismissed from the program due to behavior issues. Caswell mentioned that the program was going thru growing pains during the first month, but is getting better.

B. Parks and Recreation Staff update

- a) Caswell mentioned that they have been short-handed since May with the Assistant Director leaving and the Facility Supervisor leaving in August. He has offered those 2 positions to individuals and hopes to have them both started sometime in November. He also stated that they are looking for one Maintenance Worker and that Tanglewood was shorthanded for about 5 weeks due to manager having some health issues.

New Business

A. Capital Improvement Discussion

- a) Caswell provided the Board with a list of Capital Improvements for Parks and Rec, the Pool, Legends Rec-Plex, and Tanglewood Golf Course. He explained that this was basically a "wish-list" that was submitted to Administration each year. The list is narrowed based on funding and City-wide priorities, and then the list is submitted to City Council for final approval. He stated that he would like the Board to have ongoing input on this list so the Parks Department could get a better feel for what the community wants and to help prioritize the improvements. The Board agreed to continue the discussion at future meetings and it would continue to be an agenda item.

B. Pool Update

- a) Caswell provided the Board with an update on pool attendance and revenue noting that attendance was up from 2021 and revenue/expenses were very close to the budgeted amount. He also reminded the Board about the installation of a new \$6,000 filter pump. He also mentioned that the City staff had done some testing at the conclusion of the season and had isolated the ongoing pool leak to the dive pool, more specifically the drain box of the pool. He noted that the leaking water is being contained in an underground French drain pipe and is being drained to the North of the pool. Parks is waiting on a quote

on fixing the leaking area. He also gave an update on the expired pool agreement (2009) with Fulton Public Schools, stating that him, the City Administrator and the School Superintendent had met to discuss the future of the pool. All parties agreed at this meeting to keep lines of communication open regarding the future of the pool.

C. Legends Rec-Plex update

- a) Caswell provided the Board with an update on various aspects of the Rec-Plex noting that memberships were increasing. He stated that a local bank changed all customer debit cards on August 18th and that has had a negative impact on monthly membership payments as staff work to monitor daily payments and attempt to get debit cards updated. He also mentioned that the Rec-Plex has had over 42,000 visitors to date and is averaging 4,700 per month and 155 per day. The Rec-Plex is also experiencing an increase in facility rentals as it approaches the Fall and Winter months.

D. Tanglewood Golf Course update

- a) Caswell provided an update on Tanglewood, noting that revenue and play was extremely good for the year. He said that as of the meeting date, Tanglewood had surpassed the record annual revenue and was at \$929,000 in revenue. The goal is to get to \$1 million. He also noted that the historical average revenue for the course was \$501,000, so he was very pleased with this year and the previous 2 years.

There was some discussion about Tanglewood with some Board members feeling like now that the course is doing better financially and considering it's age and popularity, the City should invest in making improvements to the courses, especially the cart paths.

Caswell has told the Board that they are replacing the worn out irrigation system. That improvement is being reimbursed thru the County with AARPA funds. This was an improvement that had to be made and the timing of the funding and the collapse of the old irrigation system was very lucky for the course and the City.

Other Business

- a) Caswell mentioned upcoming Parks programs: Turkey Trot 5K – Nov. 19th, and Festival of Lights lighting – Dec. 1st. Chris Garrett asked about how the Festival of Lights planning was going due to being short handed. Caswell responded by saying that planning was underway and they still planned to have everything ready by Dec. 1.
- b) Wayne Bill asked about the Disc Golf Course and players. Caswell stated that they had a tournament and to his knowledge everything went well. P&R is in talks with the Disc Golf Club about using Legends for an indoor putting league.
- c) Caswell asked the group for dates for the next meeting and the group proposed January 12 or 17 as possible dates. Caswell said he would check his calendar, select a date and send out an announcement.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.