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MINUTES

Community Center Complex Advisory Board August 20, 2019 7:30pm

- 1) Attendance – Greg Waks, Terry Stevens, Evelyn Ankers, Deena Newman, Paul Kubler, Chris Levy (remote), Karen Huller
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Approval of July 16th minutes – motion to approve by Deena; 2nd by Evelyn - Approved
- 4) Staff Report
 - a) Roof update
 - i) Roof will be re bid –projected work time Mid March – Mid June
 - ii) Will be bid differently
 - b) Passholder update
 - i) Center - 2601 passholders
 - ii) Pool – 2448
 - (1) 80 new for August
 - (2) As of 8.18.19 - \$191K in revenue
 - (3) Last year to date - \$168K
 - c) Pool feasibility study
 - i) Hal has requested costs from MKSD Architects once costs are received the information will be sent to the BOS
 - d) Summer season winding down
 - i) Was a busy season
 - ii) ADC2 went well
 - iii) Had waiting list
 - iv) Can we expand next year to accommodate
 - (1) Maxed out staffing
 - (2) No other current sites
 - e) Fall Preview – August 22
 - f) Budget

- i) Bouldering wall
 - (1) Procuring prices
 - (2) Would need a 3rd child watch person to staff it
 - (3) No current designated space for teens
 - (a) Downstairs issue is that it's too close to unmonitored exit
 - (b) GlennAnne proposes making new lounge into teen space and move vending machine on to landing of stairs
 - (c) Ideas: Gaming consoles, monitors, age appropriate board games
 - (d) How to fund
 - (i) Next year's 2020 budget has
 - 1. Child watch expansion
 - 2. LED sign
 - 3. Pool feasibility study
 - 4. Park trails
 - 5. 77K for cameras
 - 6. Curb cut
 - 7. Backlighting for front sign
 - (ii) Can try to include rock wall and teen lounge
 - (iii) No guarantee
 - (iv) Won't be discussed by BOS until October
- g) UM Foundation Visits
 - i) Even reduced would be difficult for some people
 - ii) If we focus on working with school counselors, we're not reaching other demographics – seniors, private scholarship kids, couples/singles without kids
 - iii) How do we:
 - (1) Identify families of need with privacy and dignity considerations
 - (2) Not exclude township families
 - (3) Have families that will take advantage of their membership
 - iv) Had 6 families (18 passholders) use their memberships
 - v) 1 mom has three children
 - (1) She has logged 72 visits
 - (2) One of her children has 1 logged visit
 - vi) Minimal usage clause:
 - (1) Must use X amount of times or it will be surrendered to another family
 - (2) 90-day expiration date?
 - (3) Communicate that respectfully, that it's about utilization of resources
 - (4) Maybe it's not a community center membership, but a day camp or childcare help they need/want
 - (a) There are holiday camps
 - vii) What do YMCAs do?
 - (1) Tax returns
 - viii) Do we want to go by federal poverty levels
 - (1) That also doesn't reflect real-life cash flow situations
 - ix) UM Foundation works with ECDC
 - (1) We can't decide what they do with their funds
 - x) Subcommittee will meet
 - (1) Had to cancel scheduled meeting
 - (2) Sharon, Chris, and Karen

- 5) Board of Supervisors Liaison Report
 - a) New township manager
 - i) Introduced himself to C3AB at the pool feasibility firms meeting
 - ii) Lives in view of the community center
 - iii) Will come to the our meeting and stay sometime soon
 - b) A lot going on in the township, but nothing directly relevant to C3AB
 - i) TopGolf approved, won't be built until 2020
 - (1) Bar
 - (2) Driving range
 - ii) RF100 passed – switch township to renewable energy commitment
 - (1) Will take time
 - (2) Study by committee of Environmental Council by December of 2020
 - c) Teen C3AB member approved
 - i) Also for media board and library will have a teen member, every other FT board
 - ii) Will broaden definition of teen to allow people to start in 7th grade and go on through college- aged teens
 - iii) Park & Rec has had one before and has one now
 - iv) EAC appointee used a broad definition – starting at 6th or 7th grade
 - v) Some boards have had narrower definition
 - vi) Pepper Francis and Moira Ryan are new teen appointments
 - vii) No word about lifeguard's application

- 6) Park and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison Report
 - a) N. Gulph Rd. Trail design report
 - i) Molly Duffy of Valley Forge Park Alliance attended
 - ii) Very thorough recap
 - iii) Motioned to support the process of moving the initiative to next stages, not to fund it
 - (1) \$3.9M – 9M project
 - (2) TopGolf may be able to subsidize
 - b) Park upgrades
 - i) Swedeland playground done
 - ii) Awaiting ADA pathway and trash cans
 - c) Belmont and Bob White are up next
 - d) Another guest – Rob Devers, UM Athletic Director
 - i) Gave overview of construction and field usage concerns
 - ii) Dropping from 7 to 4 fields
 - iii) Still talking about using Volpi Commons for tennis courts
 - (1) Could be in a flood plane
 - iv) Rich Lachenmayer – Head of Valley Forge Generals baseball
 - (1) Asked to be there to give opinion on baseball, softball fields
 - (2) Should they be skinned?
 - (a) One board member wants it
 - (b) No conclusion, or even conclusive data
 - (3) Will engage other experts
 - v) Bat houses
 - (1) Met resident who is willing to donate and knows a lot – Jeffrey Uhlenberg
 - (2) Scheduled meeting to see where they could be placed

- (3) Planning to order 3-5 more
 - vi) Riverfront Access
 - (1) Determined there would be a committee including Neal and Mike
 - (2) Paul as an alternate
 - (3) Two ECDC people
 - (4) Two other citizens being added
- 7) Senior Center Representative Liaison Report
 - a) GlennAnne: The umbrellas are up and were being used today
 - i) They are easy to manipulate with crank
 - ii) 3 11-foot umbrellas
 - iii) Have solar LED lights, can be used for events
 - b) Planter hardware removed
 - i) Won't happen soon
 - ii) Down to 2 maintenance people; down to Gerry and a PT resource
 - (1) Will be replacing for 2 FT positions
 - (2) Will easily take 2 months to fill them
 - c) Mouse traps
 - i) Asked if they caught mice
 - ii) Said it was up to custodian to dispose
 - iii) If they are snap traps, the mouse would be smelling
 - iv) It's up to the seniors to have or remove them
 - v) Gerry has not reported mice
 - d) What percentage of custodian's time
 - i) 25% of the day
 - ii) They come in 2 hours to clean
 - iii) Terry doesn't think 80-year-old men should set up and break down chairs
 - (1) Custodians come several times a week to help
 - (2) They are frequently called away from community center duties for non-emergency work
 - e) Patio
 - i) Weeds have been removed
 - ii) Terry believes there was a sealant at one point
 - (1) GlennAnne – It was sand on which the tiles sit
 - (2) Terry - The weed problem will be chronic if not sealed
 - (3) Yes, they will have to come back and spray for weeds
 - iii) Garden club doesn't take care of that
- 8) Old Business
 - a) Bar codes on phone
 - i) GlennAnne is working on accepting a phone bar code instead of fob
 - b) Lease is up on fitness equipment
 - i) Board approved new lease
 - ii) Adding adaptive motion trainer
 - iii) Adding recumbent bike (4)
 - iv) Adding a treadmill (7)
 - v) Not getting rid of anything
 - vi) Will be at capacity

- vii) Fitness room will be closed for 2 days and that will be publicized
- viii) New equipment is all cardio
- c) Leg lift machine sticks
 - i) GlennAnne will report
- d) Center does not close down for cleaning
 - i) High windows are not cleaned often – 2x per year
- e) Car fire a couple weeks ago
 - i) Evening
 - ii) Fully engulfed
 - iii) Had to evacuate
 - (1) Will do full briefing on evacuation plan
 - (2) Pool stations
 - (3) Week of 26th will have a drill where everyone has to evacuate the building
 - iv) PT staff did a great job
 - v) Had a drill
 - vi) No shelter in place plan
 - (1) Have had active shooter training
 - (2) Lock doors and into individual rooms
 - vii) Terry will bring it up to Seniors Center to have a plan and perhaps drills
 - (1) Will let them know about the upcoming
 - viii) What would we do in tornado warning?
 - (1) Interiors – men's room, ladies room
 - (2) There are no plans, and depends on conditions
 - (3) The basement also has windows and doors
 - (4) Hallway and stairwells
 - (5) Evelyn is from the south and knows they happen and knows you want to be down and interior
 - (a) Senior Center has the kitchen with no windows, single bathrooms
 - (6) September 2001 Greg survived at University of Maryland
 - (a) Was a Storm Stories episode about it
 - (b) Terrifying
 - ix) Pool feasibility study
 - (1) Greg: Alternate sites are not part of the scope of the feasibility study

9) New Business

10) Adjournment

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