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MINUTES

Community Center Complex Advisory Board

July 20th, 2021

7:30pm

1. Attendance – Gino Cavaliere, Chris Levy, Paul Kubler, Karen Huller, Sharon Davis, Ben Eyer, Evan Patrick
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions for Gino
4. Approval 6/15/21 minutes
 - A. Is it the Secretary's responsibility to fact check?
 - i. Needs further discussion
 - B. Do we need to include detail on liaison reports?
 - C. Should comments stay as close to verbatim or modified for maximum context?
 - i. Chris - Is it a citizen committee's responsibility to give a true recount of what happens in the meetings
 1. True and what amount of detail is needed is subjective
 - ii. Main purpose is to portray the main semblance of what was said
 - iii. Gino – likes the highlights
 - iv. Sharon would like it in between how detailed the minutes are now and the usual school board minutes
 - v. BOS workshops procure more frank feedback because people feel less scrutinized
 - D. Minute approval will be postponed
 - E. Perhaps there should be guidance from BOS on minutes
 - i. Greg - as a former citizen board and sub-committee member, prefers the BOS does not dictate how different citizen boards take minutes
 - ii. Various citizen boards have been doing it their way for a very long time
 - iii. Some staff members may be in charge of minutes in certain cases

5. Staff Report

- A. Passholder update
 - i. Up to 1619 active – up 112 from last month
 - ii. Freezes are at 38 (annual)
 - iii. Daily average visits
 - 1. 179.4 per weekday; up by 28 from last month
 - 2. 88.5 weekend; up by 13 from last month
 - iv. No numbers on how much the free passholder usage
- B. Pool Update
 - i. 2573 current members
 - 1. Most since opening
 - 2. To maintain safety, registration has been closed
 - a. Based on pandemic concerns
 - 3. Sharon – how does that translate into daily visits and what percentage of the members actually come?
 - a. Evan – people there for practices who are not swiped, so it is hard to really measure daily visits
 - b. Paul K. - The limit is number of bodies in the pool
 - c. How did Heather arrive at the cap? Was it based on being worried about full capacity?
- C. Summer Camps
 - i. ADC at C3 and a few other locations (Baxter, Middle School)
 - ii. At the maximums for township camps
 - iii. ADC2 – starts August 2nd
 - iv. Consortium for the Arts – Wizard of Oz by end of July
 - 1. Performance July 28, 29
 - 2. Tickets through Community Pass
 - 3. Open house for parents before
 - 4. Sharon – where?
 - a. Evan isn't sure where the show is
 - v. Beechtree, Leadership camp
 - 1. Perhaps the Leadership camp is where we could find Ben's replacement
 - 2. Evan will ask Dennis to contact the parents
 - 3. Age limit on Student Liaison?
 - a. Think you have to be a Junior or Senior
 - b. A younger liaison would be able to give us great input on teen programming
 - c. Evan will check on the ordinance
 - d. The teen liaison can then promote the Leadership camp, showing leadership as a reward for doing the program
- D. 431 Art Gallery Returns
 - i. New exhibition
 - ii. Paul - How much of the art is sold?
 - 1. Greg – Knows at least 2 people who did purchase the art

6. Board of Supervisors Liaison Report

- A. Annual meeting did occur
 - i. Goals and objectives are kept broad
 - ii. Specific value of C3 and pool
 - iii. Goal to resume to pre-pandemic level participation, resume budgeting to pre-pandemic levels
 - iv. Free Passholder program was mentioned
 - 1. Make sure people who want to take advantage can do so without stretching themselves too much
 - 2. Paul – Recalls we have not raised fees; is that favorable for the BOS?
 - 3. Greg – Doesn't recall if there were increases in fees, but keeping the pool affordable is important
 - 4. Paul - Wants the staff to be paid well
 - a. Greg is aware of upwards pressures on salaries
 - b. Paul – the board has continued to be concerned about compensating and retaining lifeguards, staff
 - c. Paul – wants to maintain the reputation of the center of being a great value to this community, and sees how we pay our staff as part of that
 - d. Neither the center or the pool are intended to make the township money; there are secondary and tertiary monetary returns
- B. Fair/Fall fest
 - i. Fireworks are supposed to be held
 - ii. Events at Nor-View Farm in September and October on the weekends
 - iii. Promoting sponsorships
 - iv. Family-friendly events
 - 1. Horse and buggy rides
- C. Contacted by Rosemont College about use of baseball fields at Heuser
 - i. Similar to Villanova relationship to Plymouth Township fields
 - ii. There are a lot of great things that have the potential to happen at Heuser Park in the coming months
- D. Board of Community Assistant Grant
 - i. August 16th – applications close
 - ii. Will announce 2nd round grants at September meeting
 - iii. C3AB has right to apply again
 - iv. Less money than the 1st round
 - v. Paul – Previously did a joint effort with the EAC to optimize efficiency
 - 1. Would like to see that happen across the township
 - 2. The rock wall was something we researched
 - a. Karen – not sure it's the time yet to be that ambitious
 - 3. Memorial for members of our community taken by COVID
 - 4. Programming?
 - a. How about programming for kids so that parents can return
 - b. Paul - Did the survey go out to those frozen/cancelled?
 - i. If we can figure out how many are being impacted, we could better devise something that would serve them

- ii. We are at 40% off of the peak we had reached
 - iii. Evan – no way to communicate with all of those people through Community Pass
 - iv. May be COVID-related concerns
 - 1. Nothing we can do for that
 - v. Gino – when someone doesn't renew, do they find out why?
 - 1. GA said there had been people calling at one time
 - 2. Short staffed now
 - 3. No one asked Sharon if she renewed
- E. Chris – Thinks that the trail work slowed down
 - i. Greg had heard late July, and it's getting very close
 - 1. Most of the trail is paved
 - 2. Parts that aren't are the ones that run up toward the pool, and an area near Crow Creek
 - ii. Chris – the area behind the high school isn't paved yet either
 - iii. Chris – The senior center patio is overgrown
 - 1. Greg - Assumes that is park maintenance
 - 2. Karen – perhaps engage a girl/boy scout troop to help
- 7. Park and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison Report (No Liaison in attendance)
- 8. Senior Center Representative Liaison Report (Liaison not in attendance)
 - A. Opened last Monday, July 12th, regular hours
 - B. Spots out front have been full during hours
- 9. Student Liaison Report
 - A. Ben's last meeting
 - B. Likes Sharon's idea to have someone younger join the board
 - i. They might have more current and relevant input into teen programming
- 10. Old Business
 - A. Paul K. still has a problem with how okay people are with the amount of space taken from the pool
 - i. Is concerned about what more may be lost
 - ii. Information from Dan was not adequate
 - iii. The spec from the consultants included more land, and that was a lot of time and spent money
 - iv. Still wants answers and resolution
 - v. Concerned about the interest to continue with that contractor on a new project
 - B. Two new free passholder interviews tomorrow
- 11. New Business
 - A. A tile is open in the ceiling
 - i. Drips, probably from air conditioning condensation
 - ii. No reported roof leaks during recent storms

12. Adjournment