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## Minutes

### Community Center Complex Advisory Board December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 7:30pm

1. Attendance – GlennAnne Chabala (GA), Greg Waks, Deena Newman, Chris Levy, Paul Kubler, Evelyn Ankers, Ben Eyer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of October 20<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup> minutes
  - a. Evelyn moved
  - b. Deena moved, Evelyn Second
  - c. Both approved
4. Staff Report
  - a. Passholder update
    - i. Passholder cancellations -984
      1. 34.4% of original 2859 when originally closed
      2. Over 300 since last month
      3. Has been canceling non-responders and those with outdated credit card information, so it appears higher than previous months
    - ii. Passholder freezes - 606
      1. 32.1%
      2. 1280 continuing
      3. 42 new passholders
      4. 23 monthly members not counted in active membership
    - iii. Recovery
      1. A matter of a couple months
      2. Budget has been submitted and the center took a big hit
      3. Budget was posted in November and has to be approved by end of December
      4. No attendees at budget meeting, as per usual
      5. Vote happen 21 days after posted, at December business meeting
      6. It passed
      7. Every department saw cuts because revenue expectations are down

- a. Police did not see cuts
- 8. BOS POV is that we are prepared to add funds back in should the economy get better sooner than projected
- 9. If by April/June things recover, budget can increase
- 10. Everything depends on how well people continue to practice responsible behavior
- 11. It also depends on how many are willing to get the vaccine
  - a. Late March/Early April is when Dr. Fauci says it will be available to the general public
- 12. Still operating on 2020 budget until year end
- 13. Greg hopes that we don't have much snow because it is expensive
- 14. Paul - Any relief coming from state or federal government?
  - a. Greg, the commonwealth is in dire straits
    - i. Revenue shortfalls are in the billions
  - b. Had heard there would be \$350B in federal aid on the table
    - i. Not sure if it's still there, and if we'll get any of it
    - ii. UM Township foundation received \$2500 from a new business
    - iii. A resident (anonymous) donated \$5K to the foundation.
    - iv. Not just a pass-through for BCA, but they also make contributions to organizations, such as the Community Cupboard.
    - v. Another emergency contribution will be made from the foundation to one of the community service organizations
- b. Reopening update
  - i. Daily average visits
    - 1. We're at 126 Mon-Fri before this most recent closure
    - 2. 58 on Sat/Sun
    - 3. Many have commented on how safe they feel
    - 4. No one has been turned away due to a fever or noncompliance with temp check
  - ii. Many good examples of people doing the right thing even when it means a financial hit
    - 1. Famous George's
    - 2. Two pickleball players
- c. Pool feasibility study
  - i. Presentation at BOS meeting being rescheduled
  - ii. Confirmed for January 14<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting
- d. Free Passholder Program
  - i. Presentation/Discussion being scheduled for an upcoming BOS meeting
  - ii. Ready for it to be put on a workshop agenda
  - iii. Next on the schedule is 1.4 and not sure if they will have workshops
    - 1. Might have to scale down meetings due to COVID spread
    - 2. Sharon - Does have a letter to send to Tony. Can she send it to GA to put on official letterhead?
      - a. Yes. GA will follow up.

- b. Should it come through the community center board or through P&R?
      - c. Sharon can send it directly to Tony on letterhead.
    - e. Membership Fees Subcommittee
      - i. Sharon has all the notes and she is not present.
      - ii. Deena and Paul can summarize
        - 1. Compared to other community centers, they had the same # of categories.
          - a. GA has not found one other center that has 84 different permutations
          - b. They evaluated the centers that GA sent
          - c. If you just look at what they offer vs. what we offer, it's very similar
        - 2. They did identify a couple that seemed unnecessary - Monthly vs. non-monthly
          - a. Maybe increase the fee for monthly to encourage them to pay yearly
          - b. It does cost the center 12 transactions fees per year for monthly transactions
          - c. Charge a service fee or round the memberships up
          - d. Service fee is specific to the payment type, but .9 – 3.6%
          - e. Merchant services – Just switched from Paymentus, which didn't integrate with CommunityPass, to TogetherPay, which does.
            - i. Paymentus had a flat 3.54%
            - ii. No extra fee – only service charge per transaction
            - iii. Save on labor because the service fees didn't have to be manually entered every month; can be done in one fell swoop
          - f. Chris is sales rep for Fiserv, but doesn't think it integrates with CommunityPass
            - i. If so, when new contract comes up, let him know so he can see about preferred pricing
        - 3. The bigger problem was how the software broke it down
        - 4. Thinks there could be other software with easier reporting
5. Board of Supervisors Liaison Report
  - a. Evelyn – Story about engineering firm that overbilled a whole bunch of townships around us by 6 figures+
    - i. Greg didn't see it
    - ii. Evelyn will send
    - iii. Boucher & James, Greg thinks; he had not heard of them before
  - b. Budget covered
  - c. 2020 has been an exhausting year, the worst of the 11 years
    - i. The deaths
    - ii. Everything that KoP is known for, community events, business openings, the center, commerce, dining have been stopped
    - iii. It's been that much worse for the school board

1. Personal safety
2. Lost relationships

## 6. Park and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison Report

- a. Catalyst meeting
  - i. Any update from BOS on decisions?
  - ii. Greg – Could be coming down in next few weeks
  - iii. Certainly things that are more valuable than others
    1. The Damiani property – expanding open space
    2. Get rid of eyesore
    3. Storm water improvements
    4. Some amenities don't have to be added, like bathrooms or pavilions, if residents don't favor them
    5. If it can be done without rezoning, or rezoning parkland, that's yet to be evaluated
  - iv. There are petitions online, signs posted everywhere.
- b. Crow Creek Trail pre-construction meeting
  - i. Started last week at Bob Case park
    1. Small base to help with storm water management
- c. Very little funding for next year
  - i. Once they finish Swedeland and Bob White Park, there is a potential grant to replenish some of the expenses back to P&R
  - ii. Reorg meeting
    1. Dana Augustine is moving, so 2 vacancies if anyone is interested
    2. Board lost their Secretary
    3. Deena is stepping in as Secretary
    4. Paul stepping in to C3AB as Liaison

## 7. Senior Center Representative Liaison Report

- a. GA and Dick had a couple of conversations
  - i. Suggested using a poll to find out what members wanted to do
  - ii. He said he'll think about that
  - iii. Told him that they might be interested in some of the online offerings
  - iv. Zero plans to open
  - v. He, Shirley, and Sharon are coming in to process bills
- b. They have elections every year
  - i. On the first of the year they nominate new leadership
  - ii. Not sure that elections have been competitive

## 8. Student Liaison Report

- a. Ben's friends saw the additional closure coming
  - i. No one thinks they'll have a [basketball] season
  - ii. Wish the season would just have been flat out cancelled instead of pushing it back
- b. How is virtual school going?
  - i. Ben doesn't mind it except for talking to his friends
  - ii. Easy to get work done
  - iii. Due dates have disappeared

iv. Doesn't feel like he's learned much that has stuck since March

9. Old Business

- a. SHAPE has been approved to continue, is being moved to the township building
  - i. Township building opens at 9:30 on Thursday, but it doesn't make sense to have them leave class in the middle of class
  - ii. 8 students
- b. Anniversary party
  - i. No meetings yet
  - ii. Seems like by next September we may be a little more normal
  - iii. No money/budget
  - iv. Gerry Vattimo is working on sponsorship
    - 1. Banner program
  - v. GA and Dan will talk about when to start and will organize a joint meeting with the subcommittee – Karen, Chris, Sharon

10. New Business

- a. This board reorganizes in January
- b. Wexler classes only 30 minutes. Could they have a longer virtual class?
  - i. They don't have a professional zoom account
  - ii. GA can't speak to why
  - iii. Virtual was started before 2<sup>nd</sup> shut down
    - 1. Was for those not comfortable coming to center
  - iv. Staff instructing virtual are at the center, to prevent duplicate costs
  - v. Can they allow people to continue into the 2<sup>nd</sup> person for 10 minutes?
  - vi. Some instructors have their own professional Zoom account
  - vii. Marissa said clearly they don't have it
    - 1. Someone did
  - viii. Some hybrid was happening
    - 1. It seems easy for the instructor to keep the camera on
  - ix. The center does not want to pay for the instructors to pay for a professional account
  - x. If someone has a pro account, Deena thinks that allows 10 users
- c. Working on offering 2 days of outdoor classes
  - i. Working on logistics right now
  - ii. Was going to originally start Friday
- d. High School DECA
  - i. Two young women are in 3<sup>rd</sup> year and are going to help center
  - ii. Objective is to develop a plan to develop customer loyalty
  - iii. Can they have them come to our meeting?
    - 1. Yes.

11. Adjournment