

**Recreation Board Meeting:**

- The Recreation Board met on Wed., May 1st at 5:30p at City Hall.
  - The board discussed the pickleball lights. The administration provided updated information on research done regarding light bleed and sound decibel readings.
  - The board reviewed and approved the final skate park design. The design was approved by the skate park committee at a committee meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - The next board meeting is scheduled for Wed., June 5<sup>th</sup> at 530p at City Hall.
    - The board will continue to discuss the concept of adding pickleball lights.

**Skate Park Public – Update:**

- The Skate Park Committee met on April 9<sup>th</sup> to review the final version of the skate park design from Hunger Skate Parks.
- The design was a scaled back footprint of the original design. Upon completion of the first draft, it became clear that the scale was too large for the park footprint.
- The committee worked with Hunger to scale back the size of the project while maintaining the spirit of the original design, which was so well received.
- The updated/approved design reduced the base design from 13,300 sq ft to 10,445 sq ft.
- The committee unanimously approved the updated design. The Recreation Board also unanimously approved the skate park design at the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**COSI Science Festival Week:**

- The COSI Science Festival week was held on May 1-3 and included programming during the week and ended with the Super Science Block Party on the evening for May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Over the course of the week, an estimated 500 people participated in STEAM based programming including the Jeffrey Woods Nature Scavenger Hunt, How to Make a Bagel at Fox's Bagels, a Science Sampler at the Bexley Public Library, and a variety of science based activities at the Super Science Block Party.
- Huge thank you to collaborating partners the Bexley Public Library, Bexley City Schools, Capital University, Columbus School for Girls, St. Charles and Bexley Recreation and Parks. Thank you to the event sponsor Bexley Community Foundation.
- Thank you to Natalie Mullin for organizing the entire event.

**2024 Summer Activity Brochure Registration:**

- Registration for the 2024 Summer Activity Brochure opened up on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Registration numbers were very similar to 2023 numbers:
  - 2023 – 1333 registration totaling \$105k (Day 1)
  - 2024 - 1318 Registration totaling \$109k (Day 1)
  - 2023 - 2001 Registration totaling \$170k (First Week)
  - 2024 - 2002 Registration totaling \$188k (First Week)
- Pool memberships are slightly outperforming 2023 memberships through May 1st:
  - 2023 – 1236 individual memberships
  - 2024 – 1266 individual memberships
- Jeffrey Summer Camp registration has also been very strong for 2024:



- 2023 average registrations for Playcamp, Woods and Park - 285
- 2024 average registrations for Playcamp, Woods and Park – 299
- 2023 Camp Adventure Total Registrations – 225
- 2024 Camp Adventure Total Registration - 232

### **Bexley Recreation Volunteer Appreciation Event**

- On Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 6p-8p the David H. Madison Community Pool will host the 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Party.
- We have invited nearly 300 volunteers, and their families, including coaches, race volunteers, committee/boards/commission members and more to join us at the pool so we can thank them for all that they do to support the mission of the Bexley Recreation and Parks Department.
- We could not do what we do without the support of so many wonderful, amazing and caring volunteers.