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Recreation Board Meeting
January 4, 2023.

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to open the meeting
Ann Brennan - So moved
Clare Ceballos - Second
All in favor - Motion is approved

Roger Carroll Roll Call
Eric Acton - present
Tim Bezbatchenko- absent
Ann Brennan - present
Roger Carroll - present
Clare Ceballos - present
Aly DeAngelo - present
Joanne Pickrell present
School Board

Jessica Saad - City Council

Roger Carroll - I would like to introduce our new member to the Recreation Board Eric Acton.

Jeffrey Mansion - Alcohol Policy Recommended Changes

Mike Price - I did reach out to one of the neighbors to let them know about the proposed changes and the discussions the board has had. Technically according to the alcohol framework we will have to provide written notice from the council regarding any change to the framework. In an effort to be as transparent as possible. I did not receive a response.

The Jeffrey Mansion Alcohol Policy Framework which was revised on March, 26, 2019 was reviewed by the board.

Mike Price - We took the different sections we talked about and put together resolutions for each one of them. To allow board members to vote based on a specific item as opposed to the whole resolution. In case if one person is in favor of one piece rather than another piece of it gives flexibility in voting.

Resolution 0123

Holidays are exempt from the designated end time.

The Recreation Board recommends that the Jeffrey Mansion Alcohol Framework is ammended to make holidays exempt from designated end times.

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Mike Price - We are just trying to give a little more flexibility by making these changes so when an issue comes up we can address them.

Roger Carroll - You feel comfortable not having a hard end time and you implementing one. You feel comfortable making that decision.

Mike Price - Yes

Ann Brennan - I motion to approve Resolution 0123

Clare Ceballos - Second

All in favor - All in favor the motion was approved.

Resolution 0223

The Bexley Recreation Department recommends removal of the alcohol restriction on non-resident rentals for the Carriage Court alcohol rentals.

Mike Price - Is to remove the restriction for alcohol events to residents only.

This is specific to the Carriage Court and alcohol.

Roger Carroll - how many non-residents have been turned away

Mike Price - Thirty-three. About half of our rentals are done by residents for non-residents.

Ann Brennan - I motion to approve Resolution 0223

Clare Ceballos - Second

Roger Carroll - All in favor the motion was approved.

Resolution 0323

To remove the limitation on the number of alcohol monthly Carriage Court rentals at the Mansion.

Mike Price - Currently the limit is two a month. We are making the recommendation to eliminate the restrictions altogether. We can always internally restrict the numbers if we feel the need to. This gives us flexibility.

Ann Brennan - I motion to approve Resolution 0323

Clare Ceballos - second

Roger Carroll - all in favor the motion was approved.

Resolution 0423

The Bexley Recreation Board recommends that the Jeffrey Mansion Alcohol Framework changes the security language from police officer to security staff. Priority for security coverage will be given to Bexley Police Officers. The Bexley Recreation Board recommends that the Jeffrey Mansion Alcohol Framework changes the security language from "must" to "may" have security staff at the discretion of Bexley Recreation and Parks staff.

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Mike Price - It has become more difficult to secure a Bexley Police officer. It then gets kicked to the county. The county has a standing policy of a two person minimum. There are not a lot of options. For instance it creates a significant cost for small groups that just want to have a champagne toast. We would like to have flexibility as to what constitutes security. To give our staff to apply some common sense to an event that is going on.

Eric Acton - Will every single time you would start with the Bexley Police force.

Mike Price - This would give us flexibility to use the police force or a private security firm.

Whatever we decided. Our intent is to start with the Bexley police officer.

Ann Brennan - I motion to approve Resolution 0423

Aly DeAngelo - Second

Roger Carroll - All in favor the motion was approved.

Mike Price - We need to give thirty days notice before the first reading by the City Council.

My plan is to do five hundred feet from the property edge.

Director's Report

Volunteer of the Year

Mike Price - The Barb Jenks Triffon Volunteer of the Year Award recipient was Partick Baum.

Pat is longtime and frequent volunteer coach for his three children. Pat has coached youth soccer, flag football and basketball. Pat does a great job teaching the sport while creating a fun environment that emphasizes sportsmanship and positivity.

Ice Rink

Mike Price - We were able to get it running during the Holiday Season. It is difficult to get staff on a holiday. Huge thank you to the maintenance staff for getting the rink together and for the Recreation staff for operating the rink for the couple of days. For over two days we had 291 participants. We are hoping to see more cold weather so we can get back on the ice.

Park Rules Review - Chapter 1062

Mike Price - We are in the process of reviewing Chapter 1062 of the codified ordinances, which outline park rules. Most were created in 1971 so there are some outdated rules. I am currently working with City Attorney Marc Fishel to review and make sure we are in compliance with state and federal laws.

Mayor Kessler, Roger and I have discussed potential changes to the rule/laws as well.

When I feel we have a working update to 1062 I will bring it to the board for feedback before any passage by Council.

We continue to talk to the Mayor about Chapter 282 which establishes the Recreation Board.

Need to update some of the language. There are some things required but not necessary and not inline with how we operated since I have been here and may have some adjustments to that as well.

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Park Signage

Mike Price - The map of the signage can be found on Google Doc which you have access to. The administration and I have been working with a consultant, Dan Goodman, with Designpath, to work on a complete overhaul of our parks signage. This project focuses on Jeffrey Park and Schneider Park. This will set up for how our signage will look. While not complete here is the current plan and design for the signage. This is not the final plan and identifies potential locations. There are a number of different versions of the signs depending on location and content.

Mike Price presented sign examples.

Mike Price - Part of the discussion is how to incorporate "No Dogs" in Jeffrey Park.

Ann Brennan - We all need to be involved but I do think you should involve Barb Triffon in the rules portion of the Park process.

Mike Price - The language?

Ann Brennan - Yes this is something she has talked about a long time, rules.

Mike Price - We can address seasonal signs. Some of the signs have incerts. There is still a lot of work to do on this.

Mike Price - The Mayor does want us to get away from the current version of no dogs allowed in the park.

2023 Winter/Spring Activity Brochure

Mike Price - The Winter / Spring Brochure went out and thank you to our recreational staff for all their work developing programming for this brochure. Thank you to Natalie Mullin for organizing and creating the brochure. Registration opened today at 12:00 noon and as of 3:00 p.m. we had 1441 registrations totaling \$97k in revenue. In 2022 same time comparison we had 1215 registrations and \$81k in revenue. We will now begin the process of reviewing programs that may have a large waitlist and working through options to get as many participants off the waitlist.

Pool Membership Update

Mike Price - You will not see the pool membership information in this brochure. We were still working through the membership structure / plan at the time the brochure went out to print. City Council did approve a budget that supported the \$50.00 per membership approach passed by the Recreation Board. We will have a non-resident rate and have a limit on the number we sell. We plan to promote the new structure in the coming weeks.

Natalie Mullin - It used to be one year and younger was free. Now under one is free. If you are one year old you will pay a \$50.00 membership. A pulse one is \$100.00

Roger Carroll - Has the Swim Safe contract been finalized.

Natalie Mullin - Yes we are setting up regular meetings with them. They reached out after the December meeting. Once they could confirm the rate would be \$15.00 per hour they received twelve responses, two declined and nine confirmed life guards returning. They are going to reach out again from those they have not heard from to tell them about the \$15.00 and whatever

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bumps they may get for returning. We are in a much better place than we were this time last year. They want to get to thirty to forty lifeguards

Ann Brennan - Will the management staff be the same.

Natalie Mullin - Yes they confirmed that Elyse will be returning.

Mike Price - We are scheduling regular meetings with Swim Safe until the start of the pool season. To keep on top of staffing and to work through other improvements we want to see.

Old Business

New Business

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to adjourn.

Anne Brennan - So moved

Clare Ceballos - Second

All in favor - Motion was approved