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Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2023.

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to open the meeting
Ann Brennan - So moved
Eric Acton - Second
All in favor - The motion is approved

Roll Call:

Eric Acton - present
Tim Bszbatchenko - absent
Ann Brennan - present
Roger Carroll - present
Clare Ceballos - present (arrived late)
Aly DeAngelo - present
Joanne Pickrell - absent
School Board Representative

Jessica Saad
City Council Representative

Mayor Kessler

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to approve the April minutes.
Aly DeAngelo - So moved
Ann Brennan - Second
All in favor - The motion is approved

Director's Report

COSI Science Festival

Mike Price - COSI Festival was this past week. Kudos to Natalie Mullin for taking the lead on this event. We had four programs plus the Science Festival on Friday. We had a beautiful day. Natalie put together great partners with Capital, CSG, St. Charles, Bexley Public Library, BCF Youth and Rec. Fund.

Roger Carroll - What kind of things happened at the Festival?

Natalie Mullin - The library hosted the You Can Too Lab and CSG hosted the Beebot Challenge. Everyone participated in the Super Science Block Party hosting activities in their tent. They were all part of the pre-planning on our community committee.

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Senior Center Yard Sale

Mike Price - The Senior Center participated in the Bexley Yard Sale. They raised over \$2,000.00

Teen Night

Mike Price - We have our first Teen Night at the Senior Center this Friday. We have 70 Middle Schoolers registered. We plan to do part inside and outside. Going to have food, snacks, and pizza. Popcorn machine. Games. The idea is not to have it super programmed. Just lots of things for them to do. We will raffle off \$5.00 and \$10.00 gift cards.

We are excited we have 70 kids signed up and about Camp Adventure in the Summer. We hope to plan more activities in the Fall. Maybe taking the bus to Cedar Point for Halloween.

Roger Carroll - What is the time frame?

Mike Price - 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Ann Brennan - Was it Middle Schoolers and beyond?

Mike Price - Just Middle School, 6th, 7th, 8th grade.

Summer Seasonal Staffing

Mike Price - I feel very good about staffing this season. We have 101 staff for JSC including 41 Subs. The Pool has 40 lifeguards, 20 swim instructors, 5 Pool Attendants. All main positions are filled at this point.

Pool Membership - Update

Mike Price - At this point we have 1,360 individual memberships. In 2022 we had 3,092 which was one of our highest years ever. In 2021 we had 2,584. We will see how this fee structure works.

Year of the Parks

Mike Price - There will be a Walk and Talk and groundbreaking for the pond and arboretum on the west side of the park on Thursday, May 11 at 4:30 at Commonwealth. We will talk about the different projects that are going on. There will be a Falconer there.

Sign Package Update

Mike Price - We will have a full presentation at our June meeting.

If you visit City Hall you can review the prototype. We have spent years looking at design locations, we still need to refine some of the language and the signs needed. Focusing on Jeffrey Park and Schneider.

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Commonwealth Columbia Project - Presentation

Mayor Kessler - We will do a grand opening on June 10 for the Dog Park.

Mike Price - We would like the board to review and suggest any changes and then vote on approval. The plan has been reviewed by ARB and they provided feedback, much of which was incorporated into the most recent iteration.

Mayor Kessler - ARB was specific to the Pergola and Tree Commission was specific to planting feedback.

The medians are simplified , tree plantings with ground cover. Some of the material has changed. We have replaced some of the granite pavers with brick to break up the material and color a bit with brick being more prominent .

Mike Price - There are some slight changes to material on the curb on the median going from potentially granite to sandstone.

Mayor Kessler - We are making sure we need the pricing where it needs to be.

The good news is restrooms and pump houses have come in under budget. We went into this project over estimating everything on purpose.

Roger Carroll - Will the bathroom have a combination lock like the porta john did?

Mike Price - We will have timers that allow us to lock them when needed. We anticipate they will be open during park hours.

Roger Carroll - So the first thing is going to be the pond? Or simultaneously with the median of the Commonwealth?

Mike Price - I would like to think they would overlap. Two different projects, two different companies.

Mayor Kessler - The walkway itself might coincide and the arboretum walk and gardens is another contractor We will be awarding the contracts for the walk in the next couple weeks.

Roger Carroll - With the pond will there be a lot of trees taken down?

Mike Price - One bush. We strategically selected the location.

Mayor Kessler - There is a Taxus hedge and another bush.

Mayor Kessler - We hope to have the brick and street part done in the fall, that is aggressive. It is possible it will be extended to the Spring. But the Fall planting would really be ideal especially for some of the trees.

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to approve the Columbia Columbia Project Design

Ann Brennan - So moved

Eric Acton - Second

All in favor - The motion is approved.

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Jeffrey Park Preservation and Enhancement Committee - Update

Mike Price - In reopening the application process, we reached out to all of the past applicants to see if they are still interested. Nearly all responded that they were. We did have one new applicant to the process.

Ann, Barb Triffon and I met last week to review the applicants and select those that we would like to invite to the committee. We thought it was important to have a manageable number of committee members.

We hope to meet the week after next. Just to get to know each other and talk about the rules

Mike Price - The list we selected consists of nine residents, the Mayor and I Ann Brennan and Jessica Saad and two City staff. We look for various knowledge bases, experience, and interaction with the park. We considered where they lived in terms of having representation from throughout Bexley. We looked for various knowledge bases, experience and interaction with the park.

Ann Brennan - We were hoping a naturalist would volunteer from the community but no one did. So we do have more landscape type individuals on it but we do need to get guidance from experts that are familiar with habitats and woodland management. That is what we will shoot for to fill that void.

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to approve the list of people to serve on the Jeffrey Park Preservation and Enhancement Committee.

Clare Ceballos - So moved

Aly DeAngelo - Second

All in favor - Motion is approved

Roger Carroll - Will these meetings be public?

Mike Price - Yes

Roger Carroll - There will be minutes taken?

Mike Price - Yes

Executive Session

Roger Carroll - Pursuant to 223.03(a) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or official.

Roger Carroll - I will take a roll call to go into executive session

Eric Acton - Yes

Ann Brennan - Yes

Roger Carroll - Yes

Clare Ceballos - Yes

Aly DeAngelo - Yes

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The Executive Session will include Mike Price, Naalie Mullin and Mayor Kessler.

The meeting went into Executive Session.

Roger Carroll - I will take roll call to come out of the Executive Session.

Eric Acton - Yes

Ann Brennan - Yes

Roger Carroll - Yes

Clare Ceballos - Yes

Aly DeAngelo - Yes

The meeting came out of the Executive Session.

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ann Brennan - So moved

Clare Ceballos - Second

All in favor - The motion is approved.