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Recreation Board Minutes  
June 7, 2023.

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to call the meeting to order.  
Clare Ceballos - so moved  
Joanne Pickrell - second  
All in favor - the motion is approved.

Roger Carroll - I will now take the roll.  
Eric Acton - Present  
Tim Bezbatchenko - Present  
Ann Brennan - Present  
Roger Carroll - Present  
Clare Ceballos - Present  
Aly DeAngelo - Arrived late  
Joanne Pickrell - Present  
School Board Rep.

Jessica Saad - Present  
City Council Rep

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to approve the May minutes.  
Joanne Pickrell - so moved  
Ann Brennan - second  
All in favor - the motion was approved.

### **Jeffrey Park Preservation and Enhancement Committee Kickoff Meeting**

Ann Brennan - It was a good meeting. Everyone is committed to the mission. The facilitator is going to work with a small group to help make sure that most of the issues are covered on the agenda. Which will help Mike and Natalie to shape that agenda. The facilitator is going to do a site analysis of the woodlands and in the park and after the committee will workshop to identify the preservation issues. I think it is safe to say everyone on the committee is committed to preservation issues. The Recreation Board is, to keep in mind, that down the road by asking to shape a formal policy. Some of the questions the committee had is what does our work mean? What kind of voice will we have? The committee recommendations can lead to policy by the Recreation Board or by City Council and budget allocations by council.

### **Director's Report**

#### **Summer Special Event - Schedule**

Natalie Mullin - Obviously the pool opened Memorial Day weekend.  
Kicked off Summer events on Memorial Day Weekend with Jazz in the Park. This was a joint effort with the Chambers Food Truck Festival. There was a strong turnout.

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It was also the Grand Opening of the improvements to Havenwood Park.

The remaining Jazz in the Park Schedule is:

June 25 at Havenwood Park at 5:00 p.m. The Robert Mason Trio

July 30 at Havenwood Park at 5:00 p.m. The Sydney McSweeney Trio

August 26 at Schneider Park 5:00 p.m. The Smoke and Fire Festival.

The first Main Event was June 2. There was the Main Event Talent Show and Sing2 was the movie.

July 7 Main Event will feature the movie Mighty Ducks

September 9 Main Event will feature the movie Top Gun Maverick

Juneteenth celebration is June 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Jeffrey Park.

July Fourth is coming up as well. All information can be found on [bexley.org/fourth](http://bexley.org/fourth) This is where you can register for the 5K Run .If you register by June 11 you save \$10.00and guarantee a shirt.

The evening activities will take place on Capital University's front lawn.

The last big event we have is the Splish Splash and Dash Youth Triathlon on August 19.

As with the July Fourth 5K Run and the Triathlon we are always in need of volunteers.

### **Pool Opening Update**

Natalie Mullin - Some of the facility improvements was to paint the slides. They look fresh and brand new. With the improvements it looks like the facility has gotten back to a fresh feel from the first five years we had it. We got new tables for the upper deck. We did our normal twenty-four chair order we do every year to recycle what we have . The bathroom floors have been replaced. Our maintenance staff put the floor in.

### **SwimSafe**

Natalie Mullin - This year was the complete opposite in the direction of staffing. We had a great start, we have a higher retention rate and the staff has more experience.

This is SwimSafe's first normal year for us to get a fair assessment of their ability to manage the pool. There are no COVID issues or having to deal with a National Staffing Shortage. That pulled their focus off the facility.

This year they came in with a full staff which helped to get the facility up and running . We had a good smooth opening with a prepared staff and the facility looked great.

Roger Carroll - how is staffing?

Natalie Mullin - As you know August is going to hit and staffing will be adjusted. That is an every year issue with kids going back to school. We will have normal reduced pool hours once school gets back into session.

Natali Mullin - We have three managers. We have two assistant managers.

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Natalie Mullin - We had a smooth opening, we had 1,673 attend opening weekend. The first weekend in June, just this past weekend we had 1,242 attend.

Natalie Mullin - This year we moved to individual memberships. We are at 3,271 individual memberships. That includes resident and nonresident. We are just over 3,000 residents. As it relates to non-resident you still have the application process. We have a couple on the non-resident waitlist but I should get them in.

Clare Ceballos - did the new pricing have an impact?

Natalie Mullin - Yes. Last year we had 3,092. It's hard to say. We will have an analysis at the end of the summer.

JoAnn Pickrell - I have seen an increase in the number of Middle School age kids using the pool and using the Basketball Court. They seem to like to hang out there and play basketball, creating a space for themselves. I also noticed an interest in Pickleball. Perhaps we could have rackets available for play.

### **Jeffrey Summer Camp Update**

Natalie Mullin - There are 522 registered. This is up from 433 in 2022 and 2021 it was 355. Total registration weeks is 2,988. In 2021 it was 2,207 and 2022 it was 2,772. Average attendance is 299 per week.

Clare Ceballos - The increase did not affect registration?

Natalie Mullin - I don't think so. We did have to use all the Solomon Scholarship money and dip into the Youth Scholarship fund.

Staffing levels for camp Park and Woods is amazing. Playcamp is good but it is a little harder to hire because you have to be 18 years old.

### **Dog Park Grand Opening - Sunday , June 11 at 3:00 p.m.**

Natalie Mullin - New signage going up. The service department has done an amazing job. A lot of work has gone into it . The park is located north of the sledding hill at Astor Rd.

Natalie Mullin - The skate park will be just off of the southern part of it.

Natalie Mullin - Reminder no July Meeting. Mike Price asked if the August meeting could be moved to August 9? He also said we can do it on Tuesday or Thursday.

Roger Carroll - May I have a motion to adjourn

Ann Brennan - so moved

Clare Ceballos - second

All in favor - the motion is approved.

