

Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Mayfield Village Civic Center

RECAP

Attending: Pat Andrzejczyk, Patti Fioritto, Terrie Haycox, Dona Kless, Troy Koch, Mary Murphy, Dave Perout, Laura Prcela, Council President Steve Schutt, Debbie Thomas, Samantha Clark-Cartwright, Shane McAvinew and Danielle Echt.

Introduction: Shane opened the meeting by introducing Samantha as the new Program/Facilities Manager and Senior Program Coordinator. Sam also gave a brief introduction of herself. Shane then asked the committee members if there were any questions from the recap of the November 17, 2022, Recreation Board Meeting. There were none.

2022 Holiday Events Discussion/Review

- Tree Lighting will be moved up to 6:00 pm because it is already dark then and there does not need to be a large gap between the Santa Ride and Tree Lighting.
- The Santa Ride finished ahead of schedule this year. Rule of thumb: be ready a half hour earlier and later than the scheduled time.
- Menorah Lighting went well and had a great turnout.
- The Holiday Decorating Contest started slow with registration but turned out with a lot of participants. There were three judges. Annemarie took pictures. Pictures were posted on the Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation Facebook page. It was suggested to post them on the Mayfield Village website however Shane has control of the Facebook page and not the website. It's quicker and easier for the department to post on Facebook.
- There was discussion about donuts at Tree Lighting and Menorah Lighting; they were available at Menorah Lighting but not Tree Lighting this year and last. The bags passed out by Santa along the Ride are also usually available at Tree Lighting so there is money already being spent on giveaways for Tree Lighting. Shane said he would consider bringing donuts back to Tree Lighting and added that the event will remain outdoors.

Spring/Summer Special Events

- Volunteer sign up sheets were passed around for the Easter Event and Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. The later events will need volunteers as well and sign ups will circulate in the near future. Shane will be asking the Interact Club members to help as well as they usually do a great job and also need service hours.
- Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast will be at the Civic Center. Pizzazz can use the kitchen, their restaurant is in closer proximity, Civic Hall holds more people and entertainment can be spread out in the building. The harpist is secured this year and there will be a magician who also does balloon animals. Instead of family photos there will be a caricature artist drawing family portraits.
- Mary Singer still coordinates Memorial Day. It will transfer to the Recreation Department when Mary is ready to pass it along. The Boy Scouts are a tremendous help with placing flags. Other volunteers may still be needed to help with this task.
- There will be two bands this year for Cruise Night, The McCartney Project will play at the Yours Truly lot and Suede Concept will be at Austin's. Shirts have been ordered. Extras were added on from last year. Cruising will start at 5:00 pm even though the event starts at 4:00 pm.
- Shane said he will not post the Independence Day information on social media in order to attract less attention. The Jersey Beat Band will be performing at The Grove. The fireworks show will be similar to previous years. SOM may be closed for approximately 15 minutes to avoid traffic jams during the fireworks.
- The Village Celebration at the end of summer will be similar to past ones; cookout and activities at the pool during the day and then pizza and music/entertainment at The Grove in the evening.

Spring/Summer Programs

- Senior programs are going well. With the water damage causing the Community Room to close in December, some programs were able to be relocated to the Civic Center and Governor's Village.
- Youth programs have great enrollment. Revenue has surpassed last year at this time. The newer cooking classes are one of the only programs that don't seem to get good numbers.
- Adapted programming is going well. Mayfield Village co-oped with another organization before Covid. After Covid the other group went another direction yet the adapted programs we offer have great numbers.

Grove Season Update

- There will be more staff at The Grove shows this year. Individual events will not be posted to Facebook so there will probably be smaller crowds. Most of the bands are new to performing in Mayfield Village. This year there may be postponing concerts to another day if there is thunder/lightning in the area however if there is just rain, play on. The shows will be free of charge.
- Improvements are being made to the Food Truck area. Last year a fire lane was added to the area where the band and food trucks pulled in. It also affected where the food trucks parked. This year there will be a circular area closer to where the pond is located. It will allow the trucks an easier entrance and exit. Four trucks can fit and each will have the ability to access electricity. There will be a nice area with tables for people. Some bad trees will be removed and some nicer ones added.
- There is potential in the future to add permanent bathrooms to the area. It depends upon future grant money. There are always people in the area so it would be nice to have a permanent structure for everyone.

Mayfield Memorial Scholarship in Honor of Debbie Hudacko

- Three Recreation Board Members are needed to conduct interview. Kate, Terrie and Laura volunteered.
- There were 11 applicants.
- \$3,000 can be given out this year.

Miscellaneous Discussion

- There will be new separate chemical tanks at the pool this summer.
- Some of the pool staff have moved over to work at camp this summer. Additional camp counselors are still needed.
- There was discussions about Mayfield Height's upcoming facility and Wildcat Sports & Fitness. It was also brought up that the Progressive Fitness Center may open back up to Mayfield Village residents in April.
- The upgrade to Wiley Park is on hold until more is heard about funding. The Village was not awarded the Natureworks Grant. There is still the possibility of receiving funding through Land and Water Conservation Fund's Grant. More information should be known in May. If the Village does receive LWCF then the project could start in 2024. There would also be another round of applications for the Natureworks Grant too.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 6:00 pm
Civic Center**