

**Minutes of a Recreation Board Meeting  
Mayfield Village  
Thursday, September 14, 2023  
5:30 P.M. Parkview Pool Pavilion**

The following were present: Recreation Board Members: Kate Sullivan, Mary Murphy, Dona Kless, MaryAnn Brastoff, Troy Koch, Meg Stifler, Peggy Kerver, Nona Stella, Patti Fioritto, Dave Perout, Pat Andrzejczyk. Also present were: Shane McAvinew, Parks and Recreation Director, and Samantha Clark-Cartwright, Senior Program Coordinator

**Summer 2023 Review**

1. **Entertainment Series:** Shane stated that weather was an issue for some of the concert dates. Because of this some concerts saw better attendance than others. We also had a rainout midway through the Hard Days Night Concert. Shane states it is the McCarthy Curse since whenever he brings a Beatles Band to the Grove it seems to rain. Saturday Night Live was unable to play completely and had to be rescheduled. They were unable to give us a reasonable date in 2023 they will be back at the Grove in 2024.
  - a. Shane also stated that we are in the process of gaining bids on the bathroom project for the Grove. This project is estimated to finish in 2024. Mayfield Village received a grant for these restrooms of \$250,000. The return on investment increased with the received grant making it reasonable to have permanent bathrooms instead of the trailer. Once built there will be 14 bathrooms with one universal bathroom.
  - b. The Wednesday lunch time concerts at the Gazebo will continue. We have had a lot of young families on top of the older adults and groups coming to this series. Thursday concerts will now be moved to the Grove. We can get better price for bands and offer more food trucks in the then we can at the Gazebo. Many bands want to play here and are always shocked that their performance is at the Gazebo instead of the Grove. We plan on providing 3 concerts a month on Thursdays at the Grove next year which is an increase to 9 concerts in total. There was a question if we plan to charge for concerts. We have a plan to charge for concerts if needed. However, we do not need to do so at this time. There was also a request for blues and jazz music to be played at the Grove. Shane stated he does more blues and jazz concerts at Reserve Hall during the winter concert series. Parking at the Grove was brought up and how it is an issue for some to walk longer distances. Shane stated the pool parking lot is used for people with disabilities and older adults. We will be working on getting an officer there earlier to reserve the area before the concert.
2. **Scholarship Update:** We will be able to provide \$4,000 for scholarships next year. \$500 will go to St. Paschal and \$3,500 will go towards students at Mayfield High School. We are on track to be able to give more in the future and we hope to raise the amount of scholarships we can provide to \$5,000 in 2025. Without the food trucks we would not be able to continue to grow the scholarship fund.
3. **Parkview Pool:**

- The pool received new umbrellas this year. The plan to get the maximum life expectancy of these will be to crank them down during storms and removing them during the off season.
- We did have some days at the end of the year when we did not have enough staff for a full day so we only allowed passholders and resident.
- We had a young staff but they did very well. Our staff grew in their abilities and did a wonderful job. There was a request to stay open later once or twice a week. This is a possibility for next year.
- Meg asked if the pool website could be used on a regular basis for pool closing updates. We use Facebook for all of our updates as well as an email list that has worked well in the past. It is unrealistic to continuously update the website since we can not prepare for this in advance because most of the closures will be day of due to weather.
- Our staff has fixed the major leaks in the pools. However, when you have a pool there will always be some leaks. It was also requested we get clock with large print to help people see the time.

### **Fall and Winter**

We are looking for volunteers for the Trick or Treat Trail. Interact will be helping. The Green Room will be used for reptiles and spiders.

Last year the Holiday Decorating Contest we had last year had 50 houses who participated. We hope for this to grow and continue to see the Village light up in holiday spirit. Dave has retired as Santa this year. Councilman Steve Schutt will take his place. We will have donuts and hot chocolate at Tree Lighting. We could use volunteers to help out. Menorah Lighting will also have donuts and hot chocolate

### **Senior Programs**

The Holiday Party for Senior Residents is on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00PM. We will be having food from Alfredos as well as the Cleveland Christmas Carolers. We are also having 5 O'clock Somewhere on September 20<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00PM. The Senior Resource Fair September 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:30PM and the Holiday Brunch with Frank and Dean on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We have a lot of other great programs if anyone has any questions, please contact Sam.