

Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Mayfield Village Civic Center

RECAP

Attending: Pat Andrzejczyk, Patti Fioritto, Aaron Caunter, Sandeep Dixit, Steve Jerome, Peggy Kerver, Troy Koch, Dave Perout, Council President Steve Schutt, Meg Stifler, Samantha Clark-Cartwright, Shane McAviney and Danielle Echt.

Summer 2024 Review

The Grove

- It was a successful season with positive feedback.
- The new bathrooms were well received; a wonderful addition to the facility.

The Gazebo-Wednesday Lunch Series

- A good size crowd; well attended but not huge.
- 150-200 attended for Father's Day Event. The Recreation Department grilled out and fathers got a free meal. People walked over from neighboring businesses.
- Food vendors are not on site because it is hoped that concert-goers visit local restaurants and purchase there. Sometimes there is a cannoli cart. The department has offered to keep local menus on hand/pass out as well.

Scholarship Update

- The goal this season was to collect \$5,000 but the department surpassed this collecting \$10,000. It helped that someone wrote a \$1,000 check during one of the last concerts.
- The seasonal staff collecting donations up and down the hill seemed helpful as well as announcements about donating to the scholarship fund. One of the bands also had the scholarship collection buckets on stage and encouraged the crowd to donate during the show.
- Shane would like to continue earmarking 80% of the scholarship collection for the following year; \$8,000 for 2025. Each year the amount will change with what can be given out to scholarship recipients depending upon collections and the account balance.
- Current scholarship account balance: \$19,737. Shane said \$20,000-\$25,000 is an ideal amount to keep in the fund.
- There was discussion on how much to give out to each applicant with the goal of having it be a meaningful amount. Recreation Board Members have had a hard time dividing the money and choosing a winner because the applicants are all so deserving. It was suggested to award one large scholarship such as \$5,000 and several smaller ones depending upon number of candidates. There was also discussion about a legacy scholarship which would be something like the top recipient would receive a certain amount of money each of their four years in college. They would have to reapply each year. Several members thought this type of scholarship would be helpful to help offset some costs over four years instead of one year. Shane asked the committee members to think about it and email him with feedback.
- Several committee members thought it would be a nice touch if the major scholarship recipient could come to a Grove concert and make an announcement about the scholarship.

Food Trucks

- It worked out well with the food truck area. Shane will talk to the food truck owners about each donating \$250 next year. The amount they give also depends upon how well they do during the season; often times poor weather equates to small crowd/lower sales.
- Someone suggested having a truck that sells alcohol. Shane said he has been in conversation already with Pizzazz about this as they might pursue a mobile beverage truck.

Parkview Pool

- Overall a great season. Staff was very young; had some growing pains to start with but everything worked out.
- The Learn to Swim program had good numbers.
- Managers really stepped up by learning about the chemicals. They now know how to maintain/balance the chemicals and fill in the book which helps serve as a checklist/diary for chemicals. In the past Lenny from Service would handle this but since he retired, Shane filled the role by monitoring and educating staff.
- The Service Department handles all of the pre/post season work and then pool staff handles in between. Because the facility is so well maintained it has held up well since it was built in 1999.
- Many were thankful that the pool was able to stay open until Labor Day with abbreviated hours. Mayfield Village was fortunate to hire a pool manager from Mentor towards the end of the season and there were some home-school staff which aided in the extended season.
- There was discussion about daily rates for Mayfield Village Residents; an adult currently pays \$8. Highland Heights may charge less even for non-Highland Heights Residents. Shane feels \$5 is reasonable for Mayfield Village Residents for daily admission.
- Someone inquired if camps pay to use Parkview Pool and most do. Mayfield Village camps do not and Mayfield Heights Teen Camp does not as there is a reciprocal agreement.

Fall and Winter 2024

-volunteers needed for all events except Santa Float

Trick or Treat Trail

- Saturday, October 19, 11:00 am-1:30 pm @ The Grove/Parkview area
- If rain/weather is an issue, then will move inside to Civic Center
- Volunteers will help run games and supervise

Holiday Decorating Contest

- Will phase out due to lack of interest
- The money budgeted for this will be used in other special event areas in the future

Senior Holiday Party

- Thursday, December 5, 12:00-2:00 pm @ Community Room
- Registration begins October 30 and will close when maximum capacity is reached
- Volunteers will serve food to tables, clear tables and general help as needed

Tree Lighting

- Friday, December 6, 6:00 pm @ Gazebo
- Volunteers would help pass out donuts and hot cocoa

Breakfast with Santa

- Saturday, December 7, 8:30-10:30 am @ Community Room
- Coloring, games, crafts, picture with Santa
- If numbers are too high then will move to Civic Center so the event can be spread out.
- Volunteers would help pass out food/beverage, help run game/craft and help with the Santa pictures

Santa Float

- Saturday, December 7, 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Menorah Lighting

- Thursday, December 26, 6:00 pm @ Community Room/Gazebo
- Will be lighting the second candle as Christmas and Hanukah fall on the same day
- Volunteers would help pass out donuts and cocoa

Open Discussion

- Summer Camp went extremely well; great staff.
- Rookie Sports continues to do well with enrollment and positive feedback about the program.
- The Senior Snowplow program is reaching the deadline for everyone to turn in their applications. Shane said numbers are down slightly; possibly because of the light snow that everyone experienced the last two winters. Participating in the program is like having insurance; prepared if there is a lot of snow. After October 15 the price increases \$50. If someone waits until January there is no guarantee that a contractor can be assigned and the resident would have to pay additional fees.
- There was a short discussion about hiring Rick Smith Junior again for the Independence Day Celebration at Parkview Pool. Overall he provides great entertainment. His services are expensive; if the Village went with other vendors they could offer more entertainment/activities at the same price. The Village could also book things on its own such as the Rocket Car; normally everything goes through Rick. There are many entertainers that are really good and would provide great service for the event. Someone suggested alternating years with Rick Smith Junior. Danielle said that if we didn't hire him each year his fees may increase as he has been with the Village for 20+ years. Shane asked everyone to think about this and send feedback his way.

Grove Noise Level

- There is a group that gathers at The Grove periodically to practice drumming throughout the summer. The Recreation Department has received a couple complaints about the loudness of the drums. The group has asked for a permit however the Recreation Department cannot issue a permit for something that is against a noise ordinance. If someone complains about noise level then it becomes a police issue about enforcing the ordinance.
- Sandeep knows people from this group and has been a liaison with the Recreation and Police Departments. This drumming group does not want to intentionally bother people.
- Sandeep used an app to measure the sound decibels during the drumming. He reported that the open areas/entrances of The Grove is where the decibels registered the highest. Shane and Sandeep had previously had discussion about covers/muffles that go over the drum stick. The group did try using them however they were not used during Sandeep's sound study with the app.
- There was discussion about high end and low end decibels; the high ones don't travel but the low end does. Bass and drums are low end decibels that travel. The high end for a Grove concert is 92 decibels and that travels less than a mile. The low end of a concert is around 80 decibels and it could travel for a mile or twenty; it's the higher volume that carries longer. It was defined as diffraction; in simple terms bending waves. The low frequency bends/fills in around barriers when the high end stops at barriers. There are many variables that come into the sound traveling such as wind direction.
- Sandeep would like someone to look into what can be done to help the sound travel less. It was suggested to add something to help keep the sound in or sensors that monitor the decibels. Something like sails or pine trees may help but they are generally more for aesthetics. A sensor would have to be tied into a sound system so the levels could be controlled.
- Shane said the sound crew at each show can control the decibels/volume and they do it each show. They mark exactly where each piece of equipment goes. Something like this drumming group is not controlled. Sandeep would like a sound engineer to conduct a study. Shane agreed to have the gentleman from the sound company used at The Grove this past summer come take a look/listen when the group comes to drum in the future.
- A discussion ensued in regards to if the sound ordinance could be changed. Shane said that would need to come from another department such as the Building Department or Police Department and then it would need to go to Council.
- This item can be discussed again at a future meeting when an update can be given on the status of the drumming and sound guy in attendance; most likely during nicer weather in 2025.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 6:00 pm, Civic Center