Recreation Committee Meeting February 17, 2022

Attendees: Mark, Deb, Ed, Rebecca, Sean, Chris, Carolyn

- Meeting called to order at 6:07pm
- Motion to accept meeting minutes from January meeting
  - Deb motion
  - Mark 2nd
- Motion to accept financial report for January
  - Chris motion
  - Sean 2nd
- Deb mentioned we need to review the financial report and its content to see what we, as the commission, wants to see and what we do not need to see.
  - We will discuss in more detail at our next meeting
- The FT Recreation Administrator position was eliminated
  - Work has been split up among other staff as well as the process was automated or improved
- The Tom Barton court dedication was well attended and a beautiful ceremony
- The Tom Barton Life Celebration had approximately 200 attendees and was a great dedication to Tom.
- Scholarship Subcommittee formed to review all applications and present top 5 candidates to the Commission
  - Rebecca and Mark will serve on the subcommittee
  - Some feedback was given that proof of volunteering is hard—tough to find photos
- Pickleball machine donation to Cresswinds was a little more than anticipated. Cost was roughly $1500
- Deb, Ed and Carolyn met with the DPW leadership staff and the Administrator to discuss how Rec & DPW will work together this year
  - Great meeting.
  - Carolyn will no longer be tasked with managing the staff daily. Carolyn will now work solely with Jimmy.
  - List of needs for Spring and Summer were given to Jimmy.
- Senior Citizen Valentine’s Day party was a huge hit
  - Attendees was just under 100 people
  - Silver Liming foundation, Dimaio’s and Jeanne Kingsley donated food and desserts.
- Spring programming
  - Going great
  - Numbers look good
  - All programs will be indoors except basketball and soccer
- Summer Concerts
  - Sponsorship levels are being finalized with the help of the Winter Walk Committee
  - New website created to list concert schedule and advertise
- Synder Turf
  - Is our responsibility to maintain
  - Turf baseball field is NOT maintenance free. It will need to be raked and pellets added on an annual, if not semi annual, basis
- Rec has consistently spent $10,000 or more maintaining and improving baseball and softball fields since 2018
- Field usage fees from other sports are being used to maintain and improve baseball and softball
- We cannot continue to focus solely on baseball and softball needs.
- Other sports need attention
- PAL baseball and softball must start partnering with Rec costs for some of the cost to maintain and improve fields
  - All work must be done by Rec so we can apply for grants
  - Union county will not accept receipts from PAL
- Locks on gates around Snyder multi purpose field need to be fixed
  - Carolyn will get a quote from Campano
- Trail Blazers is looking to connect Connell with the BH trails
  - AARP grant was completed
- Rebecca met with the Cub Scouts
  - They would like to have a mock sleep away camp somewhere in BH to prep them for the REAL sleep AWAY.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm
  - Deb motion
  - Sean 2nd