



GENESEO PARK DISTRICT

Advisory Committee Minutes

September 30, 2024

4:00 p.m.

The mission of the Geneseo Park District is to enhance the quality of life in our community by providing a positive recreational experience for all.

ATTENDING:

Committee Members Present: Marty Golby, Melissa Olson, Brent Starkey

Not Present: Kory Lambert, Tricia Hull

Board of Commissioners Representative: Julia McAvoy

Staff Present: Andy Thurman, Scott Himmelman, Nathaniel Hines

FOLLOW UP FROM LAST MEETING:

Mr. Thurman followed up to answer Mrs. Olson's comments from last meeting about evening fitness classes. The Park District has hired a new instructor who will be leading evening classes starting in October.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS:

- Mr. Starkey shared that on the 24th of August, the pool doors were left open overnight.
 - Mr. Starkey had previously shared this information with staff, and procedures were reviewed with lifeguards and custodial staff.
- On a different day, there was a fecal incident in the pool.
 - Mr. Starkey had previously shared this information with staff. On the date of this incident, the fecal matter was removed, and the pool was treated as per Park District policy in accordance with the Illinois State Pool Code.
- Mr. Starkey shared that he had heard from some citizens who requested speed bags in the Life Fitness Room.
- Mr. Starkey inquired why the Park District does not use Silver Sneakers
 - Mr. Thurman explained that we are unable to use this program because of billing issues, and it would not be responsible for the District to enter into this program and be locked into specific programs for long periods of time.
- He inquired if the District had a half-year membership
 - Mr. Thurman and Mr. Hines explained that the District does have a 6-Month membership for \$170. This membership is not eligible for program discounts.
- Mr. Starkey asked about non-resident properties.
 - Mr. Thurman explained that if an individual owns any property within the District and pays Park District taxes, they would not need to pay non-resident fees.

- Commissioner McAvoy inquired about the 30 days for \$30 initiative.
 - Mr. Thurman confirmed that the District used to offer 30 days for \$30, but had not run this discount since COVID.
- Mrs. Olson inquired about having a cross-walk on E. North Street by the Aquatic Center.
 - Mr. Thurman explained that a crosswalk is supposed to be painted but has been delayed by the City of Geneseo.
- Mrs. Olson asked about the new instructor and inquired about posting her information in social media.
 - Mr. Thurman and Mr. Hines detailed the new instructor and her programs. Mr. Thurman will look into the possibility of marketing for her classes.
- She asked about the possibility of the Park District positing Shannon Port's classes online for people to take at home.
 - Mr. Thurman stated he would look into that possibility.
- Mr. Golby asked about cross walk in the parking lot of the Community Center and asked if we could get a sign or other barrier to slow cars down.
 - Staff shared that there is signs posted during the summer but will look into other possibilities.
- Mr. Golby inquired about Discovery Club.
 - Mr. Hines explained that the program is running smoothly and is at capacity.
- Mr. Starkey inquired about the STEM program.
 - Mr. Hines explained the program is focusing on a variety of different aspects within the STEM area.
- Mr. Golby asked about Middle School programs.
 - Mr. Thurman and Mr. Hines and discussed that there have been numerous offerings with very low registration in middle school programs. There will be more offerings coming up in the Winter/Spring guide.
- Mr. Starkey inquired about parking at athletic field.
 - Mr. Himmelman stated that if the gate is open, you can park there.
- Mr. Starkey inquired about a new morning class at athletic field
 - Mr. Thurman stated that it is a rental, not our class.
- Mr. Golby asked about the basic home maintenance as well as the Active Shooter programs.
 - Mr. Thurman shared that Erdman Construction ran the basic home maintenance, and we hope to have them back for more detailed programs. Active Shooter response training will be offered to staff and citizens at various times and it is being conducted by the Henry County Sheriff's Office.
- The group discussed the new climbing boulder at the Athletic Field.
 - Mr. Thurman described how it had been purchased using money received from a grant, and has been used by the Day Camp, Discovery Club, as well as the general public since being installed.
- Mr. Starkey asked about nametags for staff.
 - Mr. Thurman stated that he will look into that possibility, or the possibility of alternatives to inform the public of who is working.

NEWS FROM STAFF:

Notes from Mr. Thurman:

- Mr. Thurman shared that the Architects are working on revamping the Community Center, part of which could be a teen center and having more control over Middle School visitors.
- State Accreditations visited the Park District this month. The Park District has preliminarily passed the accreditation.
- Road closure is affecting E. North Street, but the Community Center will always be accessible from either Chicago Street, Oakwood Avenue, or both.

Notes from Mr. Himmelman

- None

Notes from Mr. Hines

- Discovery Club is going well and was full for the month of September, and is full for in October. This group is elementary aged students who participate in a variety of activities. Some activities include crafts, experiments, outside sports, fieldtrips, etc.
- The Aquatic Center and Splash Pad are closed for the season.
- The Flag Football program is going well with a total of 95 participants.
- Youth Basketball registration is now open. The Park District is running the K-1, while Geneseo Basketball Association will be running grades 2-6.
- Amanda Forrest is our new Fitness Instructor who will be starting an evening yoga class as well as a biking class.
- Indoor Pool will be getting a new slide for the indoor pool.
- We have purchased some concession stand items for the Aquatic Center including a snow cone machine, and air fryer. New concession stand items could include snow cones, chicken tenders, french fries and a variety of other possibilities using these new purchases.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm.

Approved By:



Andy Thurman, Executive Director
Geneseo Park District