



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Vanbecelare  
Stephanie Ristau  
Jerime Carpenter  
Mindy Baker

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kim Vogel, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Toby Book, Parks Superintendent  
Angelo Fears, Operations Manager

The Pittsburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, January 11, 2017 at 1:00pm at Lincoln Center. Kim called the meeting to order at 1:02pm; two updates were added to the minutes from December. Jerime motioned and Stephanie seconded. All of the members of the board introduced themselves.

**Old Business**

*A. Everybody Plays Update*

Kim discussed the Everybody Plays updates. Pittsburg Beautiful has approved to donate to the Large Shelter house project. They will donate \$10,000 and the total project cost is 50,000. We have also received a pledge from a local business man for \$150,000 on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kim also stated that we are moving forward with a special brick project at Schlanger Park. We will be selling bricks that can be personalized as a fundraiser for the butterfly garden. These bricks will then be incorporated into the pathways leading to the garden. We have our brochures out now. It is ideal to have the Butterfly Garden and musical play equipment (sensory play features) to be done this year. We have a goal to eventually replace the Schlanger Pool with a spray ground. This is an unfunded project, we gave them a budget and the quote we received is around \$150,000. We will have a ribbon cutting on April 10<sup>th</sup> for the pickleball and basketball courts.

*B. Jaycee Ballpark Project Update*

Toby stated that as of 10:00am, all of the old turf was removed. If we have good weather the project should be done within 8-10 days, we are currently on schedule. Right now we are

**New Business**

*A. Reorganization of the Board*

Kim opens up the table for suggestions. Kim informs the board that she wants the chairman to have more input on the agenda and have them represent the board at commission meetings. Doug has been appointed chairman of the board; Jerime motioned and Stephanie seconds.

*B. 2018 Calendar*

Kim tells the board that the calendar will be in the office tomorrow, we can deliver calendars out to the work places. We are sending out a calendar to every household in USD 250 School District.

*C. Major Project List for 2018*

The board reviews the Major Project List for 2018. Toby goes over the list and briefly explains what we are doing with each project.

*D. Goals for the PPRD Board in 2018*

Kim asks the board if anyone brought goals. Doug tells the board that we should have a table discussion at the next meeting to go over goals.

Mindy's list of Ideas:

Can we offer painting classes? People are really into painting these days.

Do we have any biking activities? Biking 5K?

More Senior Citizen activities.

Trash pickup around town.

Teaching and motivational speakers.

Gardner Training.

More pet friendly dog activities with the hype of the dog park.

*F. Comments From The Board*

None

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 2:02pm.

Jerime motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mindy seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Angelo Fears



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Vanbecelare  
Stephanie Ristau  
Jerime Carpenter  
Mindy Baker  
Jerry Waltrip

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kim Vogel, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Toby Book, Parks Superintendent  
Sara Vacca, Recreation Superintendent  
Angelo Fears, Operations Manager

The Pittsburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 1:00pm at Lincoln Center. Doug called the meeting to order at 1:01pm; Jerime motioned and Mindy seconded. Dylan Ashcraft, the Recreation Intern introduced himself to the board members.

**Old Business**

*A. Everybody Plays Update*

Kim discussed the Everybody Plays updates. There is a meeting Monday at 8:30am. Chris Mingerelli from C-Tech will be there to go over the Butterfly Garden Masonry Project. Sarah Runyon will also attend the meeting and will be working on a press release for the contribution for Schlanger Park.

*B. Jaycee Ballpark Project Update*

Toby states that the turf has been completed. There are a few minor issues in the bullpens but everything should be done by the start of the high school season.

*C. February Skate Park Meeting Update*

Mindy tells the board that the Task Force plans to get the word out. We are looking to hold a skate competition in the summer. Along with the competition we are looking at doing an art show, there are several members of the Task Force that do art. The plan is to work with nearby cities for the competition, we are going to reach out to Joplin and Fort Scott.

*D. Calendar*

Kim lets the board know that the calendars are available. Please pick them up and pass them out to your co-workers.

## New Business

### *A. Ronald O. Thomas Dog Park Ground Breaking*

Kim states there is not much to report on this, still working on a date to have the ground breaking.

### *B. Waste Tire Grant Proposals*

Toby tells the board that this is in the works, looking at moving Geo Climber from Schlanger Park. I am going to try to get a swing set at Lakeside and Pour and Play Surfacing at Schlanger from this grant.

### *C. DSGC Projects*

Kim informs the board that she and Toby have met with CDL about adding a pole to Berry outfield. They are looking into getting donor funding and haven't received a quote back yet. We are still looking into options for a new Russell Concession Stand, it will be just north of the current concession. The old building will be turning into an office and storage building. We received a quote from Dane Arck around \$115,000. Daron and I have emailed two different prefab building companies and are awaiting quotes.

### *D. USSSA Option with JL Hutch & PPRD*

PPRD Tournaments will not be sanctioned.

### *E. Four Oaks Season Passes*

Kim tells the board that we are doing membership passes a little different this year. If you purchase a membership, you will only be required to pay 50% up front and 25% each of the next two months. It will have to be paid off in 60 days. We are targeting college students. Pitt State Football is looking for a new home to host their annual golf tournament and they have reached out to us.

### *F. NRPA Parks Metrics – 2017 Agency Performance Survey*

Kim explains to the board, that she is putting information into a matrix system to compare us to other cities.

### *G. Upcoming Programs and Events*

Sara goes over the January Programs and reports with the board. Last year we had 136 volunteers with a total of 385 hours, they had a great impact on the programs. Dad and Daughter Date Night is sold out with 15 on the waiting list (150 couples). We are advertising for Just Another Mudder right now, it's on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### *H. Staffing and Staff Training*

Kim tells the board that all but the Summer Camp seasonal jobs are out for people to apply. We have over 100 postings and we are going to hire a Concessions Manager this year.

### *I. Comments from the Board*

None

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 1:49pm.  
Jerime motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mindy seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Angelo Fears