

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
CITY OF AURORA  
February 17, 2019

The Recreation Advisory Committee of the City of Aurora, Ohio, met on Monday, February 17, 2019 at Aurora City Hall Council Chambers, for the purpose of holding a regular meeting. Mr. Conces called the meeting to order at 6:27p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Pete Conces- Chairman  
Mike DeMay  
AJ Sobodosh  
Katie Trook  
Scott Weber  
Scott Wolf

Absent: Nina DeWitt

Also Present: Laura Holman – Parks and Recreation Director  
Colleen Martin - Recording Secretary Pro Tem

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Weber moved to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2018 meeting. Mr. Conces seconded and the motion passed, 5–0 with a voice vote. Mr. Weber abstained.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**Area Updates:**

**Arborist:**

Ben received quotes for planting trees in the Villas subdivision. He is currently working to prune and remove trees in other areas as needed in preparation for spring growing season.

**Community Education**

We are working with Paul Powers of ACSO to discuss areas for community education classes and summer camps. Christine is finalizing the spring brochure with target delivery date the week of March 11th.

**Community Events**

A calendar for 2019 events is attached. Tina has sent out the RFQ for the annual fireworks display. She is also preparing the schedule for the summer concert series, which includes 5 Wednesday concerts and Post Road on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at Kiwanis Moore Park. Plans to incorporate the city’s 220<sup>th</sup> birthday into events are underway.

## **Fields**

City Council approved the purchase of a new Ventrac mower and replacement for our dump truck. Nick has been working to get all vehicles ready for the season.

## **Parks**

The approved 2019 budget includes funding for replacing some playground equipment (specifically a swingset at Kiwanis Moore Park) and improvements to the Skatepark. We are also looking forward to replacing the Sunny Lake Park sign at SR43 and Mennonite Road and installing a new sign when dedicating Paddock River Preserve.

## **Seniors**

The Senior Coordinator position will transition to full-time beginning tomorrow, February 13, 2019. Colleen Martin will continue to lead the program.

## **Sports**

Ed organized a successful 38<sup>th</sup> annual Aurora Travel Youth Basketball tournament last weekend. Boys' basketball season wrapped up, and the girls' season is underway. We are finalizing plans to transition the spring youth soccer program to Hartman Farm. We are gathering information from community softball and baseball organizations to build the spring field schedule. Summer sports camps are being formed in coordination with school efforts.

## **Project/Program Updates**

### **Hartman Farm**

The approved 2019 budget includes \$340,000 for improvements to the Hartman Farm athletic field complex. We will focus on finishing up Phase 2, developing plans for appropriate restrooms, shelters, and additional amenities, and addressing drainage issues on the Northern end of the property.

### **Community Garden**

Returning gardeners can now secure their plots for 2019. New gardeners can begin requesting spots on a first come, first serve basis beginning March 18<sup>th</sup>. Cost remains the same: residents pay \$10/plot/year for regular spaces. Resident pricing for raised beds is 2 for \$10/year.

### **Walker Building Improvements**

Please pardon our dust as we work to improve the Walker Building. New carpeting and a fresh coat of paint are planned.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Calendar:** Next meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:30pm at City Hall.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Objectives 2019 and Work Session Discussion:** Mr. Conces led discussion about the possibility of holding informal work sessions throughout the year. Possible content included potential future uses for the Hartman property.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Conces moved to adjourn: Mr. Sobodosh seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. Motion carried with voice vote of 6-0.

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Mr. Pete Conces – Chairman

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Amy Martin – Recording Secretary