

## WHITEHALL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

March 4, 2020

The meeting of the Whitehall Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman John Feters.

On a roll call, in attendance: Chris Bolich, Tiffanie Charles, Feters, Mike McQuate, Katie Quincel, Mark Schieber, Director Shannon Sorrell, and Shannon Werner. Absent: Mike Adkins. Guests: Councilman Wes Kantor, Matt Golden, and Kenny Stover.

Charles moved, seconded by Bolich, to excuse the absent member and the motion carried 6 – 0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

On behalf of the Whitehall Bantam Football League, Kenny Stover presented the league's 2019 financial report. The league did well on concession sales and have begun to replace equipment. Sorrell remarked that the department is pricing new roofs for the concession building and press box and asked Stover if the league has any specific challenges where the City could be of assistance. Stover said the WBFL is doing well and experiencing small growth each year.

Bolich moved, seconded by Charles, to approve the meeting minutes for February 12, 2020 and the motion carried 5 – 0 with Schieber abstaining.

The Commission reviewed the following items: Employee wages for 2/15/20 through 2/15/20; invoices for February 2020; Trust Fund, budget, and income for February 2020.

Director's Report:

Sorrell thanked the Commission for their support to send four staff members to the Great Lakes Training Institute and another staff member to become a Certified Interpreter through a week-long seminar at the National Association for Interpreters. 3 more staffers studied and tested for a turf-maintenance certification. All 3 need to re-test, but they have begun the process.

Sorrell provided a lengthy update on the summer T.E.A.M. program, noting that all City departments have been so helpful with their assistance to the department.

Lowe's will be providing the financial and product support to for T.E.A.M. members to complete 2 "Habitat for Humanity" style project days in the community. Program participants, in addition to a working internship, will gain a wide range of experiences including: Cooking classes, personal finance classes, CPR certification, trauma workshops, "dress for success", Golf 101, simple car and home repair, community policing, voluntary fitness, mentoring, and Friday Fun experiences (ie: COSI, and fishing with ODNR). T.E.A.M. members will also be eligible to attend Big Sisters Big Brothers Camp in Hocking Hills after this program.

Staff will continue to spend considerable time in the High School through the month of March to keep shepherding students through the application process.

Summer Sports Camps, again with the assistance of the WYHS Athletic Department, will be held each of the four weeks in June. This will be followed by two weeks of specialty camps in July.

The department's first major event of the year will be in May – the COSI Science Festival Block Party and Big Science Celebration. Chief Moore will again be hosting model rocket building.

The tentative June Arts Festival has been re-worked as a component of the Food Truck Festival called Artist Alley.

Matt Golden continues to maintain a presence at the YMCA, as construction issues (most notably water problems) are resolved. Staff is still working with Heartland Bank to resolve the ongoing issues with the rain garden.

Construction of the Dog Park is planned for 2020, with a 2021 opening.

Sorrell also said she has reached out to WYAA several times for information on rules, sign-ups, pricing, schedules, etc. with little to no success. She suggested that it may be more productive if a Commission member were to make these requests.

There being no further business, Charles moved, seconded by Bolich, and the meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

To the best of my knowledge these minutes are true and correct.

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Chairman John Feters

Prepared by:

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Shannon Werner