

CENTRAL BLAIR RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

May 17, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ryan Rimbeck, Tim Brown, Erik Cagle, Marla Marcinko, William Neugebauer, Kelly Irwin Adams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wayne Hippo, Phil Ricco,

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Hofer, Judy Irvin, David Salome, Dane Schick, Jarrod Prugar, Shawn Ehredt, Dan Stants

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Ryan Rimbeck.

A roll call of board members was taken.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Erik Cagle made a motion to approve, as read, the board minutes from the March 15, 2018 board meeting, Kelly Irwin Adams seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of financial reports was next on the agenda. Kelly Irwin Adams made a motion to approve the Regular January through April, 2018 financial report. Erik Cagle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Executive Director Report was next on the agenda:

Mike reported that the tenth annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the BTW outdoor basketball courts. We are currently soliciting teams and sponsors. We did submit to DCNR an application to fund a comprehensive plan, we should hear from DCNR in the fall if we will receive the grant. The Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 31st, we had 20,000 stuffed eggs, mascots and the Toon Town Clowns were in attendance. We had between 500 to 700 participants and everything went well. The Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, August 13, 2018 at Sinking Valley Country Club. We have a very strong committee formed and we are currently soliciting teams, tee signs and sponsors. We would like to have a motorized vehicle on each par 3 hole. We are looking for a sponsor for a hole-in-one put off on the putting green. In 2017 we partnered with the Logan Township Little League for our T-Ball program and we had really strong numbers. This year the numbers were down and we had to cancel the program at Logan Township. We were however, approached by the Altoona Area Baseball Association to run their T-Ball program for five (5) year olds. We had 65 to 75 kids registered and it starts on Saturday, May 19th. We hope to grow this program next summer. The staff is working hard preparing for summer: Pool, Spray Park, Concession Stands, and Playground/DayCamp. We will be selling amusement park discounted tickets beginning May 29th and the summer tabloid will be inserted in the Altoona Mirror on Saturday, May 19th.

New Business was next on the agenda:

- A. Code of Conduct Review – Last year we worked with the Altoona Area School District to come up with a shared Code of Conduct for athletics, as well as, a Sportsmanship and Accountability Plan. Using some components of this plan, this year, resulted in fewer issues with coaches and fans. However we saw a lot of technical fouls and issues from players. The Code of Conduct does not include accountability from players who get technical fouls; we let that up to the discretion of the school principal. We felt that after having to contact most principals, this past elementary basketball season, to make a decision about the child was cumbersome and took the principals away from important work at their school. He would like to change the wording in the Sportsmanship and Accountability Plan for these two lines: “If a head coach gets a technical for behavior during a game the coach is suspended for the next game.” “If any coach gets a second technical for behavior the coach is suspended for the remainder of the season.” We would like to insert coach/player in both sentences. We will still reach out the principals and let them know what issues we have with a child in their school. The officials decide what constitutes a technical. The board would like him to add examples of bad behavior to the code and outline technical issues. Erik Cagle made a motion to add the word player to coach in the Sportsmanship and Accountability Plan and write up technical issues and bring it back to the board, Ryan Rimbeck seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

- B. DJ and Bands during Party Rentals at Community Centers – Mike said we are having Jr. High age parties that bring in live bands or DJ’s to the community centers. They also bring in light systems and smoke machines. They are using our facilities to have teen dances and they are calling them birthday parties. After we schedule the rental and explain our policies, they show up at the building with more people than they said they would have, music, smoke machines, etc., with little adult supervision. We are having more and more rentals like this and our rental personnel are not equipped to handle these situations. The facilities are being trashed by them throwing cake, soda, candy, etc. We have a Large Group Event policy that is for groups over 75 people, however, when they call they state there will be less than 75. We also found that people that are not invited show up at the party and they fight to get into the building. We need to establish guidelines and criteria for these types of rentals. There could be two options, a regular rental rate for a birthday party that includes playing sports or a DJ or band rate that includes a bunch of rules and will cost more money and will include them paying security that the Commission will provide. Since we have two of these types of rentals in June, the board asked Mike to write up the guidelines and send his ideas to them. Erik Cagle made a motion for Mike to pursue guidelines for party rentals at the community centers. Ryan Rimbeck seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

- C. Superintendent of Recreation – Mike said that we recommend promoting Dane Schick from Program Coordinator to Superintendent of Recreation at the budgeted salary of \$40,000. Kelly Irwin Adams made a motion to promote Dane Schick from Program Coordinator to Superintendent of Recreation at a salary of \$40,000 as of April 29, 2018, Erik Cagle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

D. Part-time Maintenance Hire – Erik Cagle made a motion to hire John Worthy as a part-time maintenance worker as of March 19, 2018, at an hourly rate of \$10 per hour. Kelly Irwin Adams second the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

E. Kelly Irwin Adams made a motion to cancel the July board meeting, Erik Cagle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Kelly Irwin Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m., Erik Cagle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Irwin
Administrative Assistant

K. Michael Hofer
Executive Director