CENTRAL BLAIR RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

September 15, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Frontino, Tim Brown, Phil Riccio, Joe Carper, Omar Strom

Kelly Irwin Adams, Matt Pacifico,

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Hofer, Judy Irvin, Kyle Droz, Terry Bennett, Andy

DeArmitt, Dan Stants, Bill Kibler

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Kelly Irwin Adams.

A roll call of board members was taken.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Ed Frontino made a motion to approve, as read, the board minutes from the May 19, 2022 board meeting; Joe Carper seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Ed Frontino made a motion to approve the January through August, 2022 regular financial report; Joe Carper seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Executive Director’s Report was next on the agenda.

Mike said we had another successful Golf Tournament on August 1st, we had 27 teams, 72 tee signs, 3 beverage cart sponsors and a putting contest sponsor. Everyone was fed breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks throughout the day. We had great weather and we were happy how the event turned out. Encompass Health was our event sponsor and we hope to profit just under $13,000 for the day. We will start to work on next year’s event in April, 2023. We would like to have at least 30 teams in next year’s tournament. We will now start planning the Community Classic Dinner next month, which will be held in February, 2023.

New Business was next on the agenda.

1. 2023 Budget Discussion – Mike said that we have starting talking about our 2023 budget. Mike said that operating the pool is a concern for our budget for 2023 as we lost around $22,000 this year. We opened the pool every day that we potentially could with the staffing that we had. There were 1,800 people that came through the gate, which averaged 57 people a day. We also lost money in our concession stand this year. Painting, sealing of the pool surface was not done this year because we couldn’t get the materials. The pool still is losing significant water each day. If we need to budget to operate the pool next year, it will come as a budget loss of $25,000 to $40,000. We would not be able to present a balanced budget to the Commission as we cannot absorb this loss. We also need to budget for inflation, cost of health care is between 10 to 15% higher than 2022, salary increases, etc. This year our 2022 year-end will have about a $20,000 loss, if our fall and winter programs meet expectations.

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Ed Frontino said we will have to order the paint and patching materials now to have them in time for Spring. Matt Pacifico said that Council has discussed building a new pool, however, has not decided anything yet. Mr. Frontino said that we should put opening of the pool on hiatus next year until a decision is made about repairing or replacing the pool. Mike said that even the hottest days of the summer did not bring more than 50 people to the pool. Mr. Frontino said if the City decides to open the pool next year, will they help CBRC secure staff and pay for the supplies and cover our losses. Matt Pacifico said that Council can discuss this, he stated that they have a work session on September 26th. The board will call a special meeting on Wednesday, October 12th at 3:30 p.m. to get an update on the City’s thoughts on the pool. Mike said to keep in mind that, at this point, we only have one (1) lifeguard coming back, and the Manager is not coming back. We also need a Program Coordinator to oversee the site, we have not been receiving qualified applications for this position. Mike asked if Council would like to visit Prospect Pool and Matt Pacifico said “yes” we will schedule a visit.

News Media was next on the agenda. Bill Kibler from the Altoona Mirror asked what kind of behavioral issues we were having at the pool. Mike said that the kids and adults weren’t following polices and rules and when asked to follow them, they refused and we asked them to leave. If they wouldn’t leave we had to call the Altoona Police Department to remove them from the facility. We were able to get two (2) armed security guards from the School District from July 12th to the end of the season. Mike said this helped some with some peace of mind and protection of the staff. Andy DeArmitt said that on three (3) different days security had to escort the staff to their cars at the end of the night.

Ed Frontino made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 p.m., Joe Carper seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Irvin K. Michael Hofer

Administrative Assistant Executive Director