

**City of Wyoming
Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 7, 2016**

Members present: Howard Krueger, Keith Desserich, Ralph Boss, Dan Gordon, Holly Emch, Beth Miller, Tim Marty, and Scott Boster.

Staff members present: Rachel Leininger – Director of Recreation and Citizen Engagement

Others Present: Tim Buysse, representing Wyoming Lacrosse.

Citizen Participation:

Lacrosse Wall Ball Presentation by Tim Buysse—Mr. Buysse introduced the concept of building a ball wall on the Kattlemann property, which he stated could be used for both lacrosse and soccer. He explained that coaches encourage their players to throw balls against a wall and the bounce back of the ball is a great way to improve hand eye coordination. Mr. Buysse explained that the ball wall is a cinder block wall, with a 36 inch foundation. He stated that he was unsure if both sides could be used at once, but that that would be ideal. Mr. Buysse also stated that he would be willing to help raise funds and contributions to support the construction of a wall ball, and that he had spoken with other lacrosse and soccer families that would also be willing to donate towards the installation of a ball wall. Mr. Buysse presented a quote for construction in the amount of \$13,050. Mr. Buysse also commented that he believed the ideal location of the wall ball would be west of the tree line where it would butt up to field. Mr. Buysse stated that the goal would be to place it where users could get the most use out of the field and not be an eye sore. Mr. Marty asked how many feet or yards would be on the end zone if it was built against the field. Mr. Buysse replied that it would be approximately 30 feet. Mr. Boster asked if building the wall against the field would limit use. Mr. Buysse replied that building the wall against the field would limit use to only practice times as you could not utilize the wall during game times. Mr. Desserich asked how fly balls would be controlled. Mr. Buysse replied that players utilize the wall ball in such close proximity there is not a huge risk for lost balls and that due to the size of the wall the player would almost have to be trying to miss. Ms. Miller noted that her husband is a soccer coach and that he had mentioned that a ball wall would be a great use for even high school soccer players. Mr. Boster noted that receiving multiple bids on the cost of construction may prove that building a ball wall would be even cheaper than quoted. Mr. Buysse thanked the group for listening to his ideas, and hoped that they would consider the addition of a ball wall on the Kattlemann property in the future. Ms. Leininger stated that such an addition would need to be part of a comprehensive plan of the entire property.

Call to Order:

Mr. Marty called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the March minutes as was made by Mr. Krueger second by Ms. Miller. All ayes.

Reports:

- City Council – none.
- Administration – Ms. Leininger announced that the Wyoming Recreation Center was recently approved as full service SilverSneakers facility offering both memberships and classes.
- School Board – Mr. Boster reported that the new high school baseball field grand opening event was recently held. Mr. Boster also stated that the Wyoming City Schools entered into a partnership with Beacon Sports Medicine to provide medical services to athletes. The agreement stipulates that Beacon pays the school district \$100,000 per year for 5 years, and under this agreement they will be at every sports event to provide medical services to athletes. Ms. Miller asked if Beacon will be providing a trainer to oversee strength training for athletes. Mr. Boster replied that Beacon will not be overseeing strength training/conditioning for athletes. Mr. Marty stated that speaking with the school's superintendent; she hopes to eventually add a weight room/training facility for athletes to utilize. Mr. Boster stated that the school district is hoping to acquire funding to be able to renovate their existing facilities.
- Greenways Committee – Mr. Boss reported that the Greenways committee is moving forward with family bike ride planned for May 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. He stated that they are working with Great Parks who will also have their open trails event and there are other groups coming together, including the Village of Woodlawn to host the event. The ride is from Glenwood Gardens to the Village Green following the hike/bike trail. Current trails and future trails will both be on display for participants to learn about. Mr. Boss stated that the most dangerous area of the Wyoming trail would be crossing from North Park Avenue to Burns Avenue. The event will also include bike helmet giveaways, a free cookie from Wyoming Bakery, and other sponsors. Mr. Boss stated that Greenways anticipates needing about 30 volunteers for the event. Mr. Boss asked that the Recreation Commission members volunteer for the event in support of Greenways Committee. Mr. Boss stated that the Wyoming Police Department cannot commit any help for the event as they do not have the current staffing levels to provide assistance. He also stated that Woodlawn will be responsible for their part of the trail, including having an officer stationed at the crossing of Springfield Pike in Woodlawn. Mr. Boss noted that the intersection at North Park Avenue and all major intersections would need to be manned by a volunteer to provide safety for riders. Ms. Miller asked what the preferred age of volunteers. Mr. Boss replied that volunteers would need to be adult or high school age. Ms. Leininger stated that she encouraged Greenways to utilize the Sign Up Genius website to solicit volunteers and have them sign up for the various shifts. Ms. Emch also noted that Sign Up Genius is a great way to organize volunteers and offered her assistance as needed. She also stated that she could send information to the Junior Women's Club group. Mr. Boss asked Mr. Krueger to reach out to Senior Commission group to see if they would be

interested in volunteering to help with the event. Mr. Krueger said he would contact Debbie Bellman to get information out to senior members.

- Senior Commission – Mr. Krueger read aloud the listing of senior programs in the RecTimes publication, as well as noted the numerous program opportunities offered through the partnership with the Springfield Township Senior Center.
- Chairperson – Mr. Marty welcomed Ms. Emch and asked if her role on Recreation Commission had been discussed. Ms. Leininger responded that Ms. Emch’s particular role/interests on the commission had not been discussed, and that it would not be necessary to fill any particular role. Ms. Emch said she would prefer to think about the areas that interest her most in regards to recreation, and how she could better serve on the commission. Mr. Marty agreed that that would be the best route.

Business:

- Commission Member Responsibility Areas:
 - Youth Sports (Dan Gordon): none.
 - Adult Sports/Recreation & Senior Activities (Howard Krueger): Mr. Krueger distributed a survey that he conducted in 2009 showing interest among men and women for a sand volleyball court to be added to the recreation campus. Ms. Leininger stated that the sand volleyball court would be a topic of discussion to include in the Master Plan update process. Mr. Krueger also reported that the Recreation Department had recently distributed a survey regarding men’s softball. Mr. Krueger stated that the men’s softball survey had 18 responses and the feedback was positive. He stated he could not identify problems in regards to the survey information.
 - Facilities, Parks & Grounds (Ralph Boss): Mr. Boss reported that the Compton sidewalks project would start soon, running from Hilltop and Compton to Poage Farm.
 - Programs, Recreation & Fitness (Beth Miller): Ms. Miller—none.
 - Special Events (Stephanie Hass): none—absent.
 - Other:

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Leininger