

Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Commission
Minutes for the March 26, 2022 Meeting
Taft Center for Innovation

Attendance

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Emeritus Members</u>
William Fraunfelder III, President	Leslie Favre Krogman	Donald McQuilkin*
Tom Zigman V. President	Sharon Mathaios*	Mark Twohig*
Matt Markling *	Asst. Superintendent Palumbo	
Joe Stolitza		
Art Gold		
Maureen Dowell		
Christopher Mehling		

Staff and Emeritus Members marked with an * were not in attendance

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes from February 22, 2022.

RECREATION REPORT:

1. Report of Coordinator Favre Krogman updated members on the renovations taking place at Foxx and Usher Fields. Concerns were raised about the grading at Foxx not being substantial enough to allow drainage. Assured by R.J. Platten that it would be fine with newly installed underdrains. The Foster Pool Project has a final plan review and will begin going out to bid to hire a contractor in mid to late April with bi-weekly meetings still occurring.
2. Congratulations to Declan Marking for completing and receiving his Eagle Scout Badge.
3. Winter adult and youth athletics are concluding and will be starting their end-of-season tournament this week.
4. Winter aquatics updates on lifeguard training, learning to swim, kayak, swim meets, and special events.
5. Winter program numbers were provided and will continue through the end of May. The new booklet was posted online and delivered to homes.
6. The department has been posting ads in every Lakewood Observer, please be on the lookout and if anyone has any ideas for marketing please share.

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7. Summer activities registration has been open and registrations will be closing for some of these programs such as youth baseball, softball, and soccer.
8. Upcoming inaugural Lakewood Ranger Purple & Gold Classic will be held on Saturday, April 9 at the LHS Gym. Opening tipoff is at 8:30 am. Athletic boosters will be serving concessions, donations being accepted in lieu of gate fees for Lakewood Community Service Center, and new reversible uniforms purchased.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Memorial benches we have been talking about it for a while. Vocational kids to build the bench and provided ideas to them. They are able to build a simpler, more durable bench to honor our past commission members. Art can get a quote for the building of the bench and will reach out to Mike Dow.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Acceptance of Meghan Sambrook's resignation
2. L.O.B.C. - Randy Brown is appreciative of his invite and the update on the outdoor court mentorship initiative. The city increased its budget to cover the Madison court to monitor for the remainder of the season. Want to give mentorship structure with expectations of what the mentor entails. Met with Mr. Story for an increase, but it won't prohibit what they are going to do.

Wants to connect LOBC with CREC and schools. The idea stage would like to see juniors and seniors be an intern to the court mentors. Developed academically tracked for service hours. Focus on training on conflict resolution, de-escalation training and how can we connect it with the high school kids would be beneficial for all involved.

Euclid, Maple Hts, and others invited LOBC to show what they have done to help provide a learning environment at the outdoor basketball courts. Recruit, train, and hire mentors. Program that LOBC has created to see if they can share their successes.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:20 pm

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING: 8:12 pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Next CREC meeting April 26, 2022

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