

VERMILION PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Minutes of July 20, 2021 - 6:00pm

Roll Call: Terry Parker (Chairman), Dennis Brudney (Vice Chairman), William Warden, Brad Scholtz, Liz Elden, Kate Repola, Jeff Keck

Also, Present: Marc Weisenberger, Parks Operation Manager; Chad Kuhns, Recreation Director; Brian Holmes, City Council Representative

Guests: Mayor Forthofer; Jean Habermehl (Pool Manager), Sheila Myracle (Pool Manager)

Terry Parker called the meeting of July 20, 2021, to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

L. Elden MOVED, B. Scholtz seconded to approve the meeting minutes of June 15, 2021. Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Community Event Group Use Permits:

-Last Splash – Main Street Vermilion – August 22 (Vermilion Community Pool – 6-8pm/Movie at Park)

Marilou Suszko said that Main Street Vermilion would like to partner with the Parks Board on August 22, 2021 at the Vermilion Community Pool. They would like to offer an evening of free swim and they are looking into having a large screen movie for the families that come. It will be a family/friendly event and they are partnering with a lot of community organizations (Rotary, Kiwanis, Teacher's Association, etc.) to provide food, drink, popcorn, and anything to make it an evening where families can come out and celebrate the pool. She would like the Parks Board to assume the expense of keeping the pool open and staffing it, but the newest lifeguard hire said he would work for free this evening.

T. Parker clarified the pool would be open from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and then the pool would close, and the movie would take place on the north grounds.

Jean Habermehl said the managers of the pool have not been in contact with Main Street Vermilion about this and they put into process their own swim and film night. She said they already obtained necklaces and bracelets they would like to put on the flotation. They have talked to several people in the community to see if they would sponsor the floats, so it would not be a cost to the community. She said this is the first they have ever talked about this and as managers of the pool why were they not informed of this. They have developed the entire programming throughout the summer, and they not only had swimming lessons, but a safety

course. They developed a progressive swim lesson and prepared pamphlets on the various levels of water acclimation, which are kept on file after each student is finished. It ends with a Junior Lifesaving Class. She said she was in the same certification as Ihor Suszko, so she is able to do the lifeguarding as well and would be willing to donate her time, but this takes all their swimming lessons students from water acclimation all the way up to the point of lifeguards, and as part of the finishing requirement for this swim lesson – it is also donating 12 hours of time to volunteer to teaching swimming lessons. As far as what Main Street Vermilion is offering – they would love to work with them, but it is their opportunity and they have put in a lot of time for what they have been paid for, and they put in more time as a volunteer, and they would like the opportunity to at least present what they would like to do for ending the season. They called it a Film and Float Night. She said she appreciates what Main Street Vermilion has done, but traditionally they have been for Historic Downtown Vermilion on beautification, and no one from Main Street Vermilion has a pool membership or has utilized the pool this summer, so she thinks it would be fair for them if the managers who have put this time in – to at least allow them the opportunity. L. Elden said Main Street Vermilion just made application and they have to present it at a meeting, so nobody is stepping on anyone's toes. J. Habermehl said this event was posted on the Main Street Vermilion's webpage and D. Brudney had mentioned that Marilou would like to do something, but other than that she saw it online and nobody has come to them about renting the pool or anything. M. Suszko said she would have to look at that because she did not think they put anything online. J. Habermehl pulled it up for her off her phone.

T. Parker said this was an idea they tried to pull together pre-COVID, and they did not have time to do it at that the end of 2019, and there was no 2020 season, so the idea has been alive with the Parks Board for a while. He wondered if it were possible if they could cooperate on this event. J. Habermehl said she was sure they could. She said she found out the city was not going to be using the movie screen, so her father-in-law hung it at the pool, and they cleaned it off, and they have the equipment at the pool so they could move forward with the Film and Float Night. In addition, when the Mayor came to take pictures of the pool on June 14, they mentioned they were interested in doing an appreciation dinner/cookout of hotdogs and hamburgers, and possibly have Park Board Members serving the volunteer families.

M. Suszko said they did not know anything about this and said there are people swimming at the pool that are Main Street members – one of your senior lifeguards is a Main Street member. T. Parker said it does not matter. M. Weisenberger agreed it did not matter and they should work together. M. Suszko said she would withdraw their request for an event. They did not get too far on this, and it was done in the spirit of giving back to the community and unfortunately, they did not know about this. T. Parker said this is the first time the Parks Board is hearing of this too.

Public Art Vermilion

M. Suszko said Main Street Vermilion has a Public Art Program and their first project was the postcard installation that won an award from Heritage Ohio as Project of the Year. It is a very successful first project for them and winning an award was even better. She said it brings a lot of people to town to enjoy the walking tour of the postcards. It has all been a positive experience. As the program grows, they are seeing that public art goes in public places, and parks are usually one of the first considerations. She said the Public Art postcard project appears on a lot of private buildings where they got permission from the owners to install it, but they did work with the city on two locations, and they have one in Rotary Park. She said it seemed like a good time as they move forward to create some communication and partnership with the Parks Board. They are looking from somebody from Parks Board to be their representative on their Public Art Advisory Board, so the Parks board knows what they are doing. They think it will be a valuable partnership for Main Street, so the next project they are proposing is for Main Street's 20th Anniversary and their Public Art Advisory Board will present a sculpture tonight. They are looking at some options of where to put it, so in speaking with Mayor Forthofer they know the Parks Board is the final answer on what goes into any of the parks.

Laura Gongos thanked the Parks Board for allowing their group to come before them. She said Main Street approached Public Art Vermilion as they wanted to make a 20th Anniversary gift to the city, which they felt should be a piece of art. Their group started with the selection committee, and they started looking around at potential pieces of art and places for art in Vermilion. They looked at Harbor View Park and the Fulper Lot, and then they zoned on other places. Primarily, they were looking around downtown because it is Main Street's primary area of focus. They zeroed in on the Midwest Sculpturing Initiative which is run by Ken Thompson. His group has put together sculpture programs that go through the cities and they have as many as 15 to 20 sculptures. He also has 700/800 artists that he works with around the Midwest and uses them as a clearinghouse for art that these artists are creating, and he actually is instrumental in helping them sell their art through these city art programs. She said they took a field trip to Blissful, Michigan where he has a 17,000 square foot facility that was a former car dealership that he turned into his gallery and workshop. He has a foundry there and he does woodworking, metalworking, and granite carving. He has graveyard of sculptures around the front of the building that have never been purchased and that are looking for a home. He is an amazing artist and has 30 years of experience doing public art sculpture and he teaches at the University of Toledo. He has done large scale public sculptures for the Reclamation Archway in Detroit, the Peaks Arch for the City of Toledo, the Centennial Arch in Sylvania, the Community Arch in Canton, the Ferris State University in Big Rapids, the Children's Park in Toledo, and Copley Chapel at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He is a man who has a great deal of experience in public art. During their visit to his facility, they looked at the art outside and then they went inside and took a tour of the facility, and as they were touring, they were primarily hoping to find something that was already completed that they could show people and have it in Vermilion this year. She said K. Thompson took them through his office as he had a Mad Hatter Sculpture which is a

small-scale sculpture of a proposed sculpture that he might make. So, he had baby sculptures on shelves, and they saw one that was developed for Grosse Pointe, Michigan. She said it was never built, but he was paid to do it as part of a sculpture competition, which many cities will hold a public art competition and they will pay the artists for their ideas. Therefore, he was paid to create this, but they never did anything. What attracted them to this sculpture is that it said Vermilion. It had a lighthouse, a fish, a sailboat, kayakers, seagulls, and walleye – it was just Vermilion to them. They brought photographs back to the selection committee, along with existing photographs of other pieces he had from other artists, and they held a meeting and went through all the selections. Overwhelmingly, their committee went with this piece that she showed the board members. She said it is designed to be 16' to 18' in diameter with a compass rose, so that they will finally know where true north is in Vermilion. She said Ken wanted the board to know that this is piece is only representation of a concept. It was a concept done for Grosse Pointe, Michigan . She said every time you look at it is depending on where you are, it changes. Some of the art was designed to be on ball bearings so they would spin, and anything can spin if they want to give it a little bit of energy. The sample piece would not be what it would end up looking like – this is a concept of what something could be. They will be able to pick and choose if this is something the Parks Board decides to explore. She said K. Thompson would be willing to come to Vermilion and he would make it Vermilion and not Grosse Pointe.

She said the question becomes where they would put it and they looked at a number of places and it is down to East Exchange Park or Victory Park because they are only the two parks that have the space for this. She said two weeks ago, she along with M. Suszko, the Mayor, and Terry Parker went and looked at these places and everyone walked away feeling it should be along the water because of the nautical nature of it. So, they felt excited about East Exchange Park. They have 100' from sidewalk to sidewalk, so a 16' or 18' sculpture will not drown out the front. They are looking at the top part that is leveled towards the sidewalk. There is about a 56' wide plateau that goes out about 48', so their feeling is this could sit up there, and it would look nice, and it would draw attention to the water – not take away from it. Because of the nature of the two-dimensionality of this – you see right through it. They chalked out an 18' circle, so they could see what it would look like. She said they can go smaller than this as well.

B. Warden asked them if their hearts are set on this design. L. Gongos said it is their proposed design – if it is a design the Parks Board does not like, then they will ... B. Warden thought it was a lawsuit waiting to happen because it looks like something the kids will climb on and with all the sharp edges this could be a real hazard. L. Gongos said they had this conversation with the artist and his comment is that he has heard this many times from people. He said nobody has ever climbed on his art and when they put up the postcards a lot of people thought, “Oh, what are you going to do about graffiti?” She does not believe they have had graffiti on any single postcard out there. B. Warden said he is not worried about graffiti – he is talking about sharp edges and points, and the only way to keep people off is to erect a fence around it, which is defeating the whole purpose. L. Gongos said they would not want to put a

fence around it. B. Warden asked if the compass rose would be paved and L. Gongos said yes, and it would be concrete, and the expansion joints would be the points of the compass. She said it is something they would probably want to raise slightly so people know they have to step up, so nobody will walk into it. B. Warden assumed this was made out of steel. L. Gongos said it is made out of stainless steel, so there is no maintenance to it. She said they recommend it be lit with LED lights and K. Thompson is suggesting they do low level hooded LED lights so they cannot be kicked out. B. Warden asked if it would need to be this big and L. Gongos said no. It is a representation, and it can be anything they want it to be. She said they can put everything up on poles so nobody could run into it. However, one of the goals of their Public Art Program is to have Public Art that is somewhat interactive and somewhat communicative of people visiting Vermilion, so they could stand in front of the Great Lakes cutout and have their photograph taken or they could stand in front of the wheel and turn the wheel with kids. They want it to be something that people can do selfies with and use social media to help put Vermilion on the map.

Debbie Zanglin said they thought of how it would look from Liberty looking down and someone on their board raised the point – think about the boaters going by – they will be able to see this up on the raised area and the boats can enjoy it too and maybe draw them downtown.

L. Gongos said they are not saying it is this or nothing. However, they would like to work with the Parks Board moving this forward, so they can work together and find a piece that everybody is happy with. They do feel this piece of property is a beautiful place to put some art because it draws people's eye to it.

T. Parker said they are not voting on this sculpture tonight, but they are just trying to decide if they want to enter into a partnership with them to find a suitable piece of public art for this location. He said when they looked at Victory Park it seemed like there is so much that goes on in this space and of the two - East Exchange would be better. If it is scalable to an extent, it is not going to obliterate the view of the river.

Mayor Forthofer suggested the board visit East Exchange Park to get a sense of the space and area, and what might be appropriate. L. Gongos thought it would be helpful to paint a circle with the marking paint, so people could really see where it would be. Mayor Forthofer said it would be right across from Brew Awakening. D. Zanglin said most people know it by the Comfort Station.

B. Holmes thought it was worth getting a conversation started – it is a pretty awesome piece, and it would definitely draw more people into downtown. He said it is a great photo opportunity for family and folks.

K. Repola agreed as she felt this was a perfect location for a piece of public art. At Christmas time, Main Street puts the boat up with the Merry Christmas and people take pictures there all the time, so she feels this would be an extension of another use of this park. She said she likes the idea of a piece that you can walk through and see through and is not a blocked view from either direction. She would think that a gentlemen of this many years of public art experience would probably know how to navigate some of those valid concerns. She thought it was a cool idea.

B. Scholtz asked if the public art would be to scale and would it be 16' high. L. Gongos said the highest part is the seagull. She said it could be either 16' or 18' depending on what they all want. T. Parker said they would need to have enough room to allow people to walk through it. D. Zanglin said they could also have fewer elements. L. Gongos said it could be an educational piece in the sense that whatever they decide to put in there, they could have a placard near the sculpture, and they could number them with tidbits of information. She said it is not inexpensive and Main Street Public Art are prepared to pay for this by raising funds. It is roughly a \$25,000 sculpture and probably another \$5,000 to \$10,000 for creating the base and lighting. They would need help from the Parks Board with electrical for lighting.

L. Elden MOVED, K. Repola seconded to have the Parks Board enter into a partnership with Main Street Vermilion and Public Art Vermilion to discuss public art installation at East Exchange Park. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS, 1 NAY (Warden). **MOTION CARRIED**.

L. Gongos asked if a member of the Parks Board would work with them on this art. She hoped they could form a formal relationship between Public Art Vermilion and the Parks Board; whether they could become a subcommittee or not because as they move forward with these parks, they are thinking they would like to help the Parks Board put a magnificent piece at Harbor View. They are also talking about ideas for Sherod Park.

City Council Representative Report:

B. Holmes said he likes the fact that the Tree Commission was able to meet at the old Fire Station and new Parks and Recreation Building. He thought it was a useful spot.

Service Director's Report:

Mayor Forthofer said on behalf of Tony Valerius there was a parade of dump trucks and forklifts heading to Main Street Beach to clean up the enormous amounts of lumber. He said they have removed most of it and will be back tomorrow to finish up the work at the far east end of the park. He said they had a mini catastrophe at the City docks by the Water Works this past Saturday where a dam full of wood broke loose under the railroad trestle and landed by Chez Francois and accordioned them into each other and demolished some of the docks. B.

Holmes reported that T. Valerius sent him a text in his absence stating the same as above and remarks as mentioned below in Marc's report.

Recreation Director's Report:

Chad Kuhns reported they finished baseball/softball season yesterday as they went longer than expected due to weather challenges. He said football practice will begin August 2.

Parks Supervisor Report:

Marc Weisenberger said the Exchange Park electrical project should start around mid-August. He said at Village Greens, Tony had worked with Eco Tree to take down four of the older trees that had a lot of dead lumber. They will be back in the next week or two to remove the stumps.

He asked L. Elden if they could get together in the next couple of weeks to discuss the playground at Sherod Park and to sit down with the Parks Finance Subcommittee to determine a budget for this.

B. Warden said there is pile of lumber at Showse Park and questioned if it will be removed. M. Weisenberger said it was from the last storm and it accumulated at the pier, so they got it up the hill and into the parking lot, so they will get a truck and tractor out there this week or next to remove it.

Budget/Finance Subcommittee Report: No report.

Community Relations/Publicity: No report.

Erosion: No report.

Main Street Beach Revitalization Project:

B. Scholtz reported all the information is in the hands of the architect, so they should have something in August on the restroom. Once the subcommittee looks at it, they will then present it to the board. In the meantime, the subcommittee starting meeting on the layout of the rest of the park, and they are brainstorming ideas. They discussed keeping the view and keeping it simple when they start discussing features and things that might go into the park. The vast majority of the committee felt they wanted to potentially solicit a little bit more input from a more diverse cross-section of the community, so they entered into some discussions on how they would approach this whether it be through social media or contacting the schools. They are trying to get more representation other than just the 12 members on the subcommittee. Additionally, the group thinks they should engage and get guidance from a

professional landscaper architect to get a layout for the park. The subcommittee would like to investigate or potentially interview some landscape architects. The current firm they are engaged with for the restroom does not have this in-house nor were they aware they would be doing anything like this. He said with M. Weisenberger's assistance, assuming he is willing, would be to interview or talk to some landscape architects to see what is involved and to find out what the costs would be.

T. Parker asked the mayor what the obligations and limitations are with Poulos and Schmid. Mayor Forthofer said because it is city property, it has to go through a highly transparent purchase process of the city. He feels this is under O.R.C. 153 pertaining to construction and design. He said Poulos and Schmid would remain the architects, but it does not preclude the idea of looking for a landscape architect possibly to be implemented by Poulos and Schmid. He said he talked with a woman who suggested running a design contest, so this may be another idea because this could be a free design. T. Parker said they have not seen the contract with Poulos and Schmid and asked if they were obligated to pay twice for the same work. Mayor Forthofer said no. T. Parker said the budget Western Reserve put together for this project has \$50,000 in it for architectural services and engineering. He asked who has the voice as to how all of this works out – is it the administration or does the Parks Board still have a voice. Mayor Forthofer said as far as compliance with state code – within this the Parks Board or the subcommittees have every right to initiate, but in the end, it goes through Poulos and Schmid. B. Scholtz asked if they would ultimately engage the landscape architect. Mayor Forthofer said they would engage the landscape architect because they are the architects that represent this. T. Parker asked if the Parks Board could tell them who they want to engage. Mayor Forthofer said they can make strong recommendations. B. Scholtz asked if this is something the Parks Board has purview over. Mayor Forthofer said yes, and they can tell Mark Williams this is who they want to work with.

Recreation and School Relations:

J. Keck said they had a summer high school baseball team through the Sandusky Bay Conference, and they did it through the recreation department, so he wanted to thank Chad Kuhns for his support. He said moving forward, this is the direction they want to go as far as creating more things to do for the kids in the summer. He said Marc, Terry, and Chad have sat in on meetings about the baseball fields, and the Vermilion Athletic Boosters have decided to put some major money into a drainage system, so this should happen near the end of the summer.

T. Parker congratulated J. Keck on a terrific season.

Sherod Playground: No report.

Pool Subcommittee Report:

D. Brudney said the Parks Board had previously voted to purchase a shade feature for the Skate Park and it was installed, and it is doing a nice job shading the stands.

As far as the pool, it has been an interesting summer. They have had terrible weather and lots of rain, and still things are looking good. They have had some situations with the lifeguards which is being straightened out. They had four people pay to become trained as a lifeguard and then they did not show up. He said other people have been trained and two of the managers became certified as lifeguards (Jean Habermehl and Ryan Myracle). This will help out towards the end of the season when kids start going back to school and college. He discussed the budget, revenue, and expenses, and as of July 20, the expenses are somewhere around \$22,000 and they do not know what the total will be. Each year the operating expenses are roughly around \$52,000. So far, they are around \$20,000. He said they have only spent \$1,095 for chemicals and in the past three seasons they were averaging \$13,000 for the entire year, so they do not expect more than \$3,000 this season, so there is about a \$10,000 savings. There are savings on electricity because of not having to use the pool heater as much. One expense that increased is the labor because they did decide to go from \$9.00/\$9.50 to \$12.00 an hour for the lifeguards. He thinks they still have 12 lifeguards. S. Myracle said they have 14 lifeguards certified, which includes the two managers. D. Brudney said other communities are having problems getting lifeguards, so Vermilion has done well. He said in revenues they are over \$20,000 with memberships. This does not include the Rotary payment that is coming in or the \$17,750 in donations, so at this point they are around \$40,000 in revenue, so he feels they will make it this year. He introduced Jean Habermehl and Sheila Myracle who are two of the pool managers that are doing an outstanding job.

Jean Habermehl directed her conversation towards the program side of things. So far, they have had a great summer and they have received lots of positive feedback. They kicked off the summer on June 14, which was two weeks later than normal, and they did a Rotary Safe Swim Program and instead of having two consecutive weeks, they offered an evening and a p.m. session, and people were grateful to have this p.m. session. As of memberships, they have a total of 84 and eight individual memberships, which totals \$13,200. In 2018, it was \$7,625 and in 2019 it was \$5,775. The gate pricing this year was free for two years and under; \$4.00/youth 3-17 years, and \$5.00 for adults up to 64 years of age, and seniors pay \$2.00. Anyone in the community can purchase a punch card which is 10 swims for \$35.00, which would take the cost of the gate fee down to \$33.50. They sold 62 punch cards as of today, with a total of \$2,170. They took an average of their gate fees because they have had some really hot days and some rain. On an average, they are averaging about \$150.00 a day in gate fees. The first swimming lesson session ran from June 21 – July 2. They had 11 members and 14 non-members. There were 13 members in the morning class and 12 were in the p.m. class, but as of July 9 they had 22 members signed up for session two and 27 non-members, and then added 15 more people since then. Therefore, they now have 64 children enrolled in session two and they have not advertised for session three – it has been by word of mouth to parents because

school goes back August 23, and they are looking at doing August 9 – August 20 as their last two weeks. They accepted names of interested individuals, but they are not taking money at this time. They have 15 people as of today that are interested in session three for swimming lessons. She said the lifeguards are doing a phenomenal job. She explained the swimming lessons are on a first come first serve basis and payment is required at the time you sign up your child.

She said they are interested in talking to the board about their end of the season. She said Garth Grob has been very huge in running their pool, helping with chemicals, and daily maintenance. He said Garth was vacuuming the pool by hand with his scuba gear. She thanked everyone for helping to paint the bathrooms, the concrete, and Garth and his family. She said they would like to have a Film and Float Night and a Dog Day of Summer. This would allow people to bring their dogs in for a swim. She said Garth said the liner would not be ruined if they wanted to do something like this. She said Sheila is a seamstress, so they thought they would take in donations between \$5.00 and \$10.00 a dog, so they can make little handkerchiefs for the dogs along with a dog treat. She said Garth plays in a Swing Band and they have offered to play for free for the fundraiser for the pool. They will also have raffles.

Sheila Myracle explained that Jean takes care of the money and programming. She said her goal is to have as many of the people in the community involved. She wants to reach to as many different sections of the community as possible; not just the people who live in Valley View. She wants everyone to enjoy it. She said they partnered with Ritter Library who comes once a week to read to the kids and do fun things with them during break time. They also have progressive swim lessons where the kids are building on their skills. She said Lucy Idol comes on Tuesday's and Friday's and their aqua lift has come in handy during this time. They also have an adult swim time twice a day Monday – Friday from 11am – 12pm and 5pm – 6pm. She said they have future plans to incorporate yoga on the side of the pool deck and to do some water type things. They also would like to have kids' yoga. They want to build their adult programming. There are a lot of different water things. J. Habermehl said they have a community member who has offered to purchase and donate water gyms to improve the adult programming. They are meeting with LifeCare and the Police as they have developed an emergency action plan should there be an emergency at the pool. S. Myracle said they have been approached by the sports teams (Cross Country, Soccer, and Volleyball) to do water workouts. The third manager hired was the assistant manager of the BGSU Recreation Center and is capable of teaching these. She needs the Parks Board to establish a fee to allow the teams to use the pool. Upon research, she found to rent a lane it costs \$18.50, and this is a limit of four people in that lane for one hour. If the entire sports team uses the entire pool and they use a lifeguard it would be their hourly rate of \$12.00, and there would be a manager there which would be \$15.00, so this comes to \$27.00 per hour. She thought they could charge \$50.00 per hour, but Marc had thought there could be some type of a partnership. She said their goal is to build their membership and they have because in 2019 there were 36 family memberships and in 2021 there has been 85. She said if families renew their

membership at the end of the season, then they could avoid any type of price increase for the next year depending on whether or not there is a price increase. Additionally, they would like to have a table at the Woollybear Festival to promote the pool. They would like permission to raffle a family membership, as they should get enough to cover the family membership, plus making a little extra.

She said they would like to stay open through Labor Day weekend - closing September 6 at 6:00 p.m. They have the staff to allow this. J. Habermehl said she spoke to Garth Grob about extending the date until after Labor Day because Vermilion is going back to school early (August 23), so they would like to keep these two weeks open. The new heater for the pool is supposed to go in sometime in October, so they will not empty or close the pool until they change out the new heater because they need to make sure it is working. Therefore, this gives them another reason in allowing the pool to remain open.

Jeff Keck said they are really passionate about the pool which is awesome.

J. Habermehl said there was a tree removed at the pool and the stump is still there and wondered if it could be ground down as it would create an easier ingress for an ambulance. L. Elden asked if this could be done in-house. Mayor Forthofer said he would talk to the Service Director about this.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

L. Elden volunteered to be the Parks representative to Public Art Vermilion. K. Repola said if she ever needs help, then she would be happy to help her.

L. Elden said there is about a \$50.00 per hour cost related to staff, utilities, and chemicals. Mayor Forthofer said the managers have done an outstanding job. If the board considers the additional week for the pool to remain open, then he hopes they will be revenue weeks because they do not have a total picture of the costs. They just need to keep an eye on the revenues. L. Elden asked if they would open the pool only on the weekends after school starts. J. Habermehl said it will depend on how many people are adults. Her thought was to be open on weekends and after school until 6:00 p.m. T. Parker said they want to be good neighbors with the sports teams, but it does cost them to operate. J. Habermehl said if the all the teams would come together, then she did not think \$100 would be unreasonable because this is what they are charging for their parties now. They have three parties and they each pay \$300, which is \$100 an hour. She said they may be able to recoup this from boosters. M. Weisenberger suggested charging \$25.00 per hour as a gesture to the schools and it will get more people in the pool since these are hours that are not being used anyway, but your pumps are still running, so \$25.00 is better than nothing. K. Repola agreed a lesser amount for

sports teams because they would have to wait to go to the boosters to get the money, and the timing might not work. She thought the coaches would have discretionary spending.

K. Repola MOVED. B. Warden seconded to extend the pool to the sports team at \$25.00 per hour. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

L. Elden MOVED. J. Keck seconded to promote the pool at Woollybear and to allow a raffle for a family membership. Discussion: Mayor Forthofer said he or the board could talk to Sandy Coe at the Chamber about finding a cheap way to have a booth. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

L. Elden MOVED. seconded to keep the pool open until Monday, September 6, and after school hours starting August 23 during the week from 3 – 6pm, subject to the discretion of the pool managers. Discussion: K. Repola said she was okay with this as long as they have the staff. J. Habermehl said they have already discussed this with their staff. She said they would like to have the Dog Day on September 11 or the Monday night of Labor Day. S. Myracle said they would like to have a concession stand next year and would like the board to keep this in mind as they feel it would bring in some more money. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Brudney said they have not put out a press release yet to the Chronicle, Sandusky Register, and Morning Journal about the successful hours of the pool, so they boost up attendance. L. Elden asked if anyone in the city offices will review a press release so that it is worded correctly. Mayor Forthofer said he would review it.

C. Kuhns asked if there were details of the movie night at the pool. J. Habermehl said they would like to have it the night of August 22, but they want to approach it as a drive-in movie aspect. They will contact the metro parks to see if they can borrow their tubes and they will have businesspeople in the community sponsor a tube. They will show a child's friendly movie and will have races and concessions.

Drew Werley of Timberview Drive offered to donate 10 hours towards the use of the pool for the sports teams with the stipulation that each sports team uses it once before somebody uses it twice.

ADJOURNMENT:

L. Elden MOVED. B. Scholtz seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday – August 17, 2021 @ **6:00 pm**
at the Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio

*~Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk
Vermilion City Council/Boards and Commissions*