

Patty Turner Center
Members' Council
Minutes of the July 11, 2024, Meeting

I. Welcome and Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chair L. Carter at 9:00 a.m.
- The following were present: Leo Carter, Lorraine Clark, Sharon Harris, Lorraine Jetté, John Maxson, Jane Smith, Paul Ward, Mike Walton, and Mike Zelski. Professional staff David Shamrock, Kathleen Muellner, and Laura McCarty represented the Deerfield Park District.
- The following were absent: Lee Jashelski, Dani Robinson, and Sid Moore.

II. Approval of Minutes and Financial Report

- Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the June 13, 2024, meeting were presented by J. Maxson and approved unanimously with no changes (Motion: L. Clark, Second: L. Jetté).
- July Financial Report: A financial summary was reported by J. Smith showing net income of -\$2,466.78 and a current balance of \$18,689.36. Following a discussion, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved (Motion: L. Clark, Second: S. Harris).

PTC Golf League Report: P. Ward, reporting in S. Moore's absence, said that the Yellow Ball Tournament and the lunch afterwards at the Patty Turner Center were huge successes. The next tournament, the Three-Four-Five Tournament, is set for July 22, 2024. P. Ward also explained that the golfers maintain a small bereavement fund and a donation was made to Jason Mannina, PGA Director of Golf Operations at the Deerfield Golf Club & Learning Center, in memory of his father, who recently died.

III. President's Report

- L. Carter opened the meeting by welcoming the participants.
- D. Shamrock reported that the parking lot project is complete except for the striping, which will be done in the next day or two. He also reported that a project to upgrade lighting in the building has been completed.

- D. Shamrock led a discussion on the Outdoor Music Palooza featuring Roger That. There was consensus that it was an excellent program that brought many members together for camaraderie and entertainment. Though the crowd was strong, the event could have been attended by many more. There was discussion regarding the lower attendance at all events: perhaps reluctance to come out after the pandemic, perhaps cost, reluctance to go downtown for security reasons, etc.
- K. Muellner reported on the new "Highlights" program, which featured Jim Kendros with "music from the movies" on June 13, 2024. This is part of a new initiative to vary program offerings with different topics, at different times, and in different venues.
- D. Shamrock and K. Muellner introduced a survey that will be distributed to PTC members via Survey Monkey requesting their views on how the PTC can better match their interests. The short survey (eight questions) gives members the opportunity to express what they would find appealing.

IV. Membership

- D. Shamrock reported that active membership totals 550 members including the addition of 11 new members in January, 8 in February, 7 in March, 2 in April, 12 in May, 8 in June, and 5 so far in July, 2024.
- D. Shamrock reported that the PTC has 48 new members YTD with 54 YTD for the same time last year. Our annual goal is 130 new members by December 31, 2024.
- D. Shamrock said that PTC participation is strong with 198 people attending programs during June, 2024.

V. PTC Program Highlights for June

- K. Mueller reported on the Drive In, Dine In Luncheon (June 6), the Jim Kendros program on movie music (June 13), the Summer Solstice concert with guitarist Johnny Miller (June 20), the Parking Lot Palooza (June 26), the kayak excursion (June 27), and the Stars and Stripes Root Beer Blast (June 28).
- K. Muellner reported on programs that had to be cancelled due to a lack of signups. These included Latin Dance and Salsa (June 10), Art Together With Audrey Pam (June 17), and the excursion to the Museum of Science and Industry for the James Bond exhibit ((June 18).

VI. Past and Upcoming Events During July

- D. Shamrock and K. Muellner reported on Line Dancing (July 9), Jim Kendros' program on patriotic music from movies (July 11), Dance Fitness (July 10), Art Alive (July 12), Going Green with park district horticulturist James Eaton (July 19), the excursion for lunch on Lake Geneva (July 21), Latin Dance and Salsa (July 22), Jim Kendros and Jennifer Noone's program "Sweet Summer Serenade" (July 26), DHS Summer Band Camp (July 29), and the Dog Days of Summer (July 30).
- K. Muellner reported that one program, Improve Classes (July 11), has been cancelled due to the lack of signups.
- There was overall enthusiasm for the summer programs and several Members' Council participants made comments about programs they had personally enjoyed.

VII. Closing Comments

- L. McCarty reported that the Park District is focused on the multitude of park, pool, and camp operations. Over 1,400 youth are in various programs. The park district participated in 4th of July activities. The park district board has completed the search for a new executive director and Anne Marie Larity will start August 19, 2024. Jeff Harvey will resume his previous position as director of finance.
- D. Shamrock invited everyone to stay after the meeting to assist with "The Bulletin."
- L. Carter thanked everyone for participating and left us with his traditional "one liner:"

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.' "
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by John Maxson, Secretary, July 21, 2024.