

**Village of Evendale
Council Subcommittee Meeting
Finance/Adm., Cultural Arts, Code Enforcement, Recreation
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2018**

Committee Members Present: Chris Schaefer and Bill Puthoff

Absent: Jeff Albrinck

Also Present: Mayor Finan, David Elmer, Kim Pielage, Cynthia Caracci and Susan Gordy

Mr. Schaefer called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Cultural Arts – Ms. Gordy reported:

- The Fine Arts exhibit held in early May was an overall success with 604 attendees. Staff is now in post-production
- The Recreation Community Room Featured Artist Program continues to be very well received. Martha Carmody was most recently featured. New artists will be displayed on a rotating basis.
- The Vietnam War Memorial Exhibit on display over Memorial Weekend received positive remarks with approximately 100 attendees
- Several recitals occurred in May with one event being held in the Evendale Community Church
- 38 Evendale children are enrolled in the music scholarship program
- Continued work on Center interior way-finding signage design/plan
- Norton flooring to clean Center wood floors last week in June. Still working with other contractors to have terrazzo floors done
- Working with contractor on repairing/replacing failing 4-year-old windows. Work is covered under warranty

Recreation – Ms. Pielage reported:

- Met with risk management/liability insurance representative to review and implement recommended minor repairs/improvements. Everything has been addressed except the outdoor fitness area which was determined to be non-compliant with safety standards. The insurance rep. recommends removal of the equipment. The Committee agreed with the recommendation. Staff will assess replacement/site reuse options
- Swim team participation is at an 8-year high with 195 participants. The team consists predominately of Evendale residents but also includes non-residents and Evendale business non-residents. The Committee suggested retaining a 10% cap on business non-resident participation and implementing a grandfather clause for existing non-residents but eliminating future non-resident participation to keep team size manageable.
- Summer camp started yesterday with 221 children currently enrolled. The Rec Center and Cultural Arts Center combined are offering 18 specialty camps this summer.
- Pool speakers and amplifier and have been replaced with updated equipment
- Staff is receiving positive feedback on recent renovation of pool bathrooms. The renovation project was under budget.
- Currently obtaining quotes from contractor for other pool-area related repairs, improvements, etc. (i.e. bathroom/snack bar roof painting, screening over vents, etc.)

- The Committee noted additional items in need of minor repair (frayed umbrellas need sewed, lifeguard stations need repaired, etc.)
- Working with staff on finalizing and implementing Phase II renovation plans to the Rec. Center which include new paint and carpet in lobby area, interior hallways, activity room, etc. Renovation also includes new lobby front desk, storage and decorative wall features. Anticipate putting project out to bid next week. Project budget is \$150,000
- The Center has sold 35 summer promotional fitness passes providing unlimited use of group exercise classes for one fixed price for 3 months. This is the first time the Center has offered the promotion. Normal class prices will resume in September.
- Evendale's Facebook page is nearing 500 followers. A recent Memorial Day event video post has received 11,000 views to date.
- 38 women are registered in the tennis program
- The Center is managing 3 different golf leagues
- Planning is underway for the 4th of July fireworks and 10K events. Committee suggested adding port-a-lets to the 10K route on Village-owned property at Cooper and Reading (former TLC property)
- The first outdoor concert of the year will be held in the Amphitheater this weekend featuring The Comet BlueGrass All-Stars. Cultural Arts has a sold-out wine tasting event that same night

Finance – Ms. Caracci reported:

- There will be two finance-related Ordinances on next Tuesday's agenda: A "Now and Then" Ordinance and the Tax Budget
- Tax income receipts were up approx. \$132K for the month of May but overall YTD receipts are still down approx. \$650K for the year.

Code Enforcement – No report provided.

Administration – Mr. Elmer reported:

- The Village's property and liability insurance with the Ohio Plan is due to expire at the end of the month. The premium for retaining the same plan is less than last year's premium by approx. \$1,300. The Committee found this agreeable. Elmer noted an ordinance approving Plan renewal will be on next Tuesdays meeting agenda
- The Village's major medical health insurance plan is due to expire at the end of the month. The HIRT/Wellness Committee met with HORAN (broker), Anthem (current TPA) and United (past TPA) to review and recommend plan renewal options for next year. The H/W Committee recommends renewal of current Anthem plan at a +17.95% increase from last year. Elmer shared benchmark data showing the same plan costing +55% thru the Center for Local Government Health Benefits Pool (a health plan pool consisting of 18 +/- local governments in SW Ohio). The Council sub-committee was agreeable to renewing the existing plan FY 2018-19. Elmer noted an ordinance approving Plan renewal will be on next Tuesdays meeting agenda

Administration – Mayor Finan reported:

- Major adjustments to traffic patterns will start soon as part of the continued Thru-the-Valley I-75 widening project. GE Campus will be significantly impacted. Evendale staff continue to work closely with ODOT and GE to assure as smooth a transition as possible but traffic delays are expected.
- Al Shutte will not be seeking renewal of his appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals at the end of the year
- Mayor suggested changing the July 3rd Council sub-committee date to another date. Council will collectively check their calendars for an alternative date tbd.
- In response to concerns regarding the recent Cooper Rd. accident involving a child being struck by a car, the Police Department will be installing 25mph “Strictly Enforced” signs along Cooper with increased patrol. Although the accident was not speed related and driver was not cited, the Committee agreed that implementing such action would be advantageous in response to a recent police speed study.
- Mayor suggested implementing stricter requirements for festival-type events in response to complaints about a small traveling carnival with rides held annually this time of year on the Evendale Shopping plaza grounds. The other Council sub-committee is also exploring this issue.