

Cleveland Heights Parks and Recreation

Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

for the Tuesday, May 18, 2021 meeting

6:30pm

Agenda

- **Meeting began at 6:35pm**
- **Attendance via Cisco Webex virtual meeting included:** Councilwoman Davida Russell, Alissa Branford, Deby Auerbach-Brown, Alex Pesta, Peter Titas, Peggy Spaeth and Parks and Recreation Director Joe McRae. Susan Ford was absent and excused.
- **Discussion items:**
 - **Introduction of New Board Members:**
Members of the board briefly introduced themselves and shared their interest in serving on the Board. Newly appointed member Peggy Spaeth attended her first meeting.
 - **Discussion of By-Laws & Meeting Schedule**
Members of the Board reviewed current Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws article by article and suggested the following modifications:
 - Change the name of the board to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to include the 140 plus acres of city parkland and refer to it as such throughout the establishing legislation.
 - Increase the number of citizen appointments (voting members) from 8 to 9. But keep term limits to 4 years, with an option to serve a max of two 4-year terms. Current members would be grandfathered in as appropriate.
 - Members that are unable to attend board meetings should contact staff in advance.
 - Consider having the Recreation Advisory Board members review new member applications and make recommendations for appointment to the Mayor and city council. They also noted the need for more diversity on the board.

- Schedule board meetings for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm with a maintaining a minimum of 6 meetings a year.
- **Discussion of 2021 Pool Operations:**
Staff provided an overview of the new pool protocols for a June 5 opening of Cumberland Pool. Protocols included reserving lap lanes, reserving pool time, a cap on attendance to promote social distancing and restricting the locker room access. Staff noted that swim lessons would be determined based on available staffing levels.
- **Discussion of Fishing at Lower Lake** – item tabled due to lack of time
- Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2021
- Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.