

Welles Park Advisory Council
September 9, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Call to Meeting at 7:06 pm by Aaron Durnbaugh

Roll Call

Aaron Durnbaugh (President), Adrienne Roe (WPAC Secretary), Becky Kliber (Welles Supervisor), Sarah Dandelles (WPAC Treasurer), Bethany Simmons (WPAC Vice President), Coral Negron, Joe Wilcox, Doug Mulderink, Chris Bakker

Review Minutes – Adrienne motions to approve, Bethany seconds, and minutes approved.

Park Report – Becky

Day camp was successful as usual and at full capacity. 330 Day campers, 33 teen leaders, 40 special rec campers, and 40 kids in sports camp.

Recap on recent events: concerts, Toddler Tunes & Turtles

Upcoming events: Circus, Halloween party 10/31 4:15-5:15, Lincoln Park zoo Nature Pop up Play on 11/ 2 from 10-2.

Volunteer appreciation day on 10/6 from 2-5. All are welcome!

CPS Preschool caused Welles (and other parks) to cancel Kiddie college due to very low enrollment. Will try again in the Spring.

Requests for Halloween candy funds, gazebo decorations and bonfire event supplies.

Treasurer Report- Sarah

Finally gained online access to bank accounts. Balance is \$46,390. See specific report for details. Sarah suggested a better stewardship process for thanking and tracking donations.

Financial request:

Halloween supplies \$250

Gazebo decorations \$1425

Bench supplies \$200

Bonfire supplies \$100

Blank cards for WPAC use \$200

Sarah motioned to approve, Aaron seconded and all in favor.

Committee Reports

Greening – Bethany

In memoriam: Marcia Streicher passed away late in June. We honored her memory with a celebration at the Nature Area in July. We also created a memory book which was presented to her nephew. If you want to add anything to it, I can provide her nephew's address.

I also stumbled upon an obituary for Trudie (sadly it was awhile ago that she passed) Not sure if anyone has any family contact information, but thought perhaps we could send a note.

Birdwalks: Sigrid has restarted the fall birdwalks and there has been lots of interest.

Monthly park cleanups: Jenni has been volunteering at the park the second Saturday of each month. Not too much traffic but great she is able to be there. September will be covered by Laura (as Jenni has a conflict)

Work day: Planning a work day (Oct 5 I believe is the date) Possible activities: mulch the paths, possible bench building (this was suggested too by Doug as a way to honor Marcia) Thanks Aaron for being willing to provide the expertise!

Circus volunteers: I can send a link to the larger email greening contact list soliciting volunteers for circus. Please forward the link as it is ready.

Gazebo Concerts – Sarah

Sarah prepared a lovely history of the gazebo concerts and will share on our website. The Tuesday gazebo concerts in 1994 thanks to Gene Schuler. This year Nights in the Park supported 3 concerts, WPPA sponsored 3, Old town 3 and Friends of 4300 Bell sponsored 1 show. Sarah requested any volunteers to join her on the committee/

Circus – Aaron

Welles is hosting the Circus October 17-20.

Ad book sales were \$3200 which will net \$2539 to Welles. Volunteers needed for the circus, both teen and adults. Sarah will create sign up genius and circulate. Aaron moved to approve the purchase of up to \$2,500 for concessions. Adrienne seconds and all in favor.

Old Business

Pickle-ball

No significant update on status from CPD but they did receive our letter of inquiry. Becky did add indoor pickleball to the gym for fall classes for seniors.

Swim Team

Welles Swim Committee sent a formal proposal to join the WPAC as a committee. Highlight include greater transparency, current banking information but still want independence, submit budget per month and year, have at least 3 members on their subcommittee and 1 to attend general WPAC meetings. Becky wants them to include the adult swim team. Doug asked them to work on financial and banking system to be at WPAC's bank. Doug motioned to approve the Swim team subcommittee with specific details on formal agreement to be finalized later. Aaron seconded and all in favor.

New Business

Movie night approved for Friday, January 24. Movie to be picked later. Looking to get a sponsor to pay for movie expenses.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 pm. Adrienne motion to close meeting. Aaron seconds, all in favor.