

## **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**MARCH 8, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Rettig. Committee members present were Jim Matuszak, Rick Rettig, and Jonathan Smith. Also present was Jon Eckel, Director of Public Service.

### **CONTRACT WITH THE YMCA FOR OPERATION OF MUNICIPAL POOL, 2016**

Steve Shives, Executive Director of the Fort Meigs YMCA, was present to discuss the new contract. Jon Eckel stated that the new contract is very similar to previous contracts with the Y, with additions of the SPLASH Program and some increased financials. Mr. Eckel sent a copy of the contract to all Committee members. Mr. Shives stated that he met with Bridgette Kabat and Jon Eckel last week to discuss the structure of the pool and opening/ closing dates. The pool schedule used to follow the school schedule, opening the Saturday after school ended and closing the Sunday before school began. This year, schools are dismissing before Memorial Day and they discussed how the weather is not always nice that time of year. Therefore, they would like to delay opening the pool until June 4, 2016 and it would stay open until August 21, 2016, a week after school starts. The pool would be open the 79 operating days they have contracted. Mr. Shives believes they will be able to handle it from a staffing standpoint. It is more difficult to keep lifeguards in mid-August because a lot of their staff starts going back to school, so they made a conscious effort to hire slightly older lifeguards, such as college-aged, in an attempt to keep them the whole pool season. Mr. Shives also stated they had a little bit of an issue with the SPLASH program being at 6 last year, so they moved it to 11a.m- 1p.m. and it will be cleared out before the pool is open to the public. Mr. Rettig believes that the new changes will be well-received and appreciates the work the administration and Mr. Shives have done.

Mr. Eckel stated they added an additional section in the contract that the Y would provide monthly reports, requested by the City's Finance Director. Besides the monthly reports and the change in dates, the contract is nearly identical. Mr. Matuszak asked Mr. Eckel if there was anything on the wish list that's not currently in the budget for the pool. Mr. Eckel responded that there wasn't anything; they plan to paint the bottom of the pool, put up another sun shade, buy chaise lounges, and they have some diving boards in the budget. He said they try to keep the pool well-maintained, because if you do not stay on top of it, it can go downhill very quickly.

There was a discussion about past years' attendance and the cost of operating the pool. This information was not available at tonight's meeting, but it is all documented in previous years' Recreation Committee minutes. Mr. Shives stated that he could include the attendance reports with the monthly financial reports, too. Mr. Eckel said he would put together a report and send it to all committee members.

The committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the contract with the YMCA.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rettig, Chairman  
Recreation Committee

***Next regular meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.***