

SERVICE, SAFETY, and RECREATION COMMITTEE
Monday, September 8, 2009

The Service, Safety and Recreation Committee met in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of 105 North Main Street on Monday, September 8, 2009 at 8:00 A.M. Mr. Steve Jennings presided and those in attendance were; Mr. Ben Roby, Council Chairman; Mr. Dwight Hedrick, Council Member, Mr. Ted Hawk, Council Member, Mr. Joe Denen, City Manager, Mr. Dan Fowler, Fire Chief, Mr. Joe Burbage, Service Director, Mr. Jim Heath, Assistant Service Director, Mr. Mark Pitstick, City Attorney, Dog Saunders, YMCA Director, and Mr. Gregg Fessler, citizen.

1. Mr. Fessler, a resident of 1128 Nelson Place, advised the Committee of concerns with persons not obeying the speed limit the speed on Nelson Street and requested that the intersection of Frank and Nelson be changed to a 3-way stop. The committee recommended that a review of the area be completed and that a special meeting be held for further discussion.

Mr. Fessler thanked the service department for the work being completed in the Belle-Aire ditch and inquired about the removal of honeysuckle that had grown along his property fence line. The Committee recommended that the issue be reviewed by the service department.

2. The Committee benefited from a review of the general report of the Washington Fire Department.
3. The Committee benefited from a review of the Police & Fire Building by Mr. Joe Denen. The Committee recommended that a separate Committee consisting of Mr. Steve Jennings, Mr. Ben Roby, and Ms. Kelley Rossiter discuss a dedication and open house ceremony for the new facility.
4. The Committee benefited from a review of the Fayette County Dog Warden Incident report for the month of August.
5. The Administration recommended the bid of Ameritcom Inc., for the filter media replacement project.
6. The Committee noted the City Administrations concerns for the operations of Stardust Dairy. The Administration advised that the process was regulated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and not the Ohio EPA.
7. The Committee discussed in length, finances, maintenance and citizens concerns regarding brush chipping within the City. The Committee noted no change of action of the Administration at this time.
8. The Committee recommended that the City Administration proceed with the septage hauler rate increase, with additional information to follow.

9. The Committee reviewed the Vectren Energy underground natural gas line plan within the City. The Administration advised the Committee that a request was made to Vectren that all flowable fill be used on the project.
10. The Committee benefited from a review of all current city projects. The Committee noted that all projects were progressing on schedule.
11. Mr. Doug Saunders, Director of the YMCA, addressed the Committee and requested the use of Chrisman Park as the site of the 2009 Youth Flag Football program. The Committee recommended that the request be granted.
12. Mr. Dough Saunders, reviewed a list of recommendations concerning pool operations for the 2010 year. The Committee noted no changes to the list of recommendations proposed, (see below) with the exceptions of items number 3 and 7 regarding ticket pricing and Olympic Pool requirements. The Committee recommended that both issues be discussed further.

MEMO:

Questions from the Administration & Answers from the City Pool Directors

From: Joe Denen

To: Zack Lynch, Doug Saunders, and Jim Teeters:

We address all of the items that you identified in your memo concerning pool operations. I am listing out recommendations for each action item.

1. With limited interest in swimming lessons this year and lessons being offered at the YMCA, is it wise to eliminate swimming lessons from next years programs?

We had 120 kids sign up for swimming lessons this year. About 4 of those kids for lessons did not by a pool pass. Total income for swim lesions was \$3,010.00 and we feel we made approximately \$1,400.00 from them this year. We feel that to continue swim lessons would be good for our patrons and better attended with warmer weather.

2. Adult ticket price increase from \$50.00 to \$55.00.

We sold 228 adult memberships. An extra \$5.00 per membership would raise an additional \$1,140.00. This may further reduce the amount of adult memberships. We do not recommend the increase in adult.

3. Child ticket price increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00.

We sold 743 child memberships. An extra \$5.00 per membership would raise an additional \$3,715.00. We do not feel that an additional \$5.00 will affect the number of memberships in 2010. We recommend this change.

4. Pool party increase from \$185.00 to \$190.00.

We only had a total of 14 pool parties in 2009 with total revenue of \$3,185.00. We think this is a much lower number of pool parties than we had in the past. We think we need to change the pricing to allow for a lower number of participants to pool parties. We recommend the following schedule.

25 patrons or less	\$150.00
26 to 50 patrons	\$200.00
Over 50 patrons	\$225.00

Leave the extra fees for the use of the pool slide. We think we can reduce our expenses with the above fee schedule thru fewer guards. We hope this will encourage greater use of the pool facilities for after hour parties.

5. The daily guest pass was used much more this year. We had revenue of approximately \$14,276.00 for daily passes. We do not recommend a change in this fee.
6. Although we had some complaints about the hours of operation we feel that the same schedule should be maintained for next year.
7. The Olympic pool should continue to be operated as an adult pool with one exception. We recommend letting adults take small children into the pool. Children 5 years old and younger are permissible and must be attended at all times by the adult.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Jennings, Chairperson-Service, Safety and Recreation Committee
Kelley Rossiter, Recording Secretary