



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT
MARCH 2022**

**PARKS & RECREATION
MASTER PLAN**

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan process continues with internal stakeholder interviews being completed this week. The next step in the process will include workshops with Parks & Recreation Staff, as well as external stakeholder interviews. Facility Maintenance Staff has already met with Pro's Consulting for some very good conversations about the Facility Maintenance operations, and will have upcoming discussions regarding services they provide and improvements needed. Survey questions are being developed for the statistically valid mail survey, as well as the online survey. A series of Park to Park community meetings will be scheduled for this summer in which residents can attend and share their thoughts and input about the future of our park system. These events will be publicized in the coming month.



Concession Stand Update

We have finalized a partnership with Kona-Ice to manage and operate our Concession Stands at the Sports Complex and at Cassel Hills Pool! Kona-Ice owners, Sarah and Allen Lay, are extremely excited to serve the Community and we are thrilled to work with them!

Groupon

A Groupon is currently being offered! There are 3 options available: a 20-visit punch card, a 20-visit childcare pass, or a 50-class Group Fitness pass. All are offered at 50% off. To date, 13 people have redeemed their Groupon. This deal will run through May 1.



Advisory Board Members

- Tara Landis, Chairperson
- Lydia Baker, Vice Chairperson
- Rick Scherer, Secretary
- Lenny Maenza
- Larry Taylor
- Rodney Washburn
- Corey Follick, City Council Representative
- Bob Costello (Emeritus Status)

PARKS

- Soccer field set up and paint at the Sports Complex for Butler United use this spring. The spray pump on our unit failed and is being replaced at this time. The fields will be painted about every seven days during the spring season.
- Baseball field preparations and maintenance are underway. School use has begun. Several home plates were replaced, and some base pegs were put at new distances. Winter heave of pitching rubbers and infield wash outs are being corrected, and dug outs are being cleaned out, along with repairs to dugout trim that had come loose.
- Main and South baseball buildings have the water on and the restrooms at the main concession area are open on nice days. The Helke restroom has been prepared for the season and is open on nice weather days. Weekend openings will begin in April.
- The tennis and pickle ball nets at Helke Park have been installed for the season. Sports courts have developed some problems over winter with the patching process that was applied over large cracks. The contractor has been onsite and is working with the manufacturer on this problem.
- Marked the Little Free Library locations that will be installed at Copperfield, Helke, Warner, and Brown School Woods Parks.
- Soil work at the cemetery involved 16 newer gravesites.
- Broomed the Sports Complex pathways in preparation for the 5K run that took place and for asphalt overlay work that will take place this spring on certain areas of the baseball pathway system.
- The wave slide at the Sports Complex 5-12 unit has a large crack in the slide surface. This slide has been closed off for use at this time. Repairs were made to several roller slides in our playground system.
- 15 aluminum picnic tables were assembled and have replaced the wood tables at the baseball concession area. Some of the better wood tables were used to replace poor condition tables at Robinette Park. A table was placed at Jeffers Park between the parking lot and play structure. Recently on a nice weather early evening at Jeffers park, a family was using this table and several other groups were using the play structure and basketball court. On nice weather days we are also seeing a lot of activity at the Sports Complex.
- Roofing and HVAC projects are in the planning stages as meetings are taking place concerning materials and scheduling.
- Cassel Hills Pool main circulation pump is in the process of being rebuilt.
- Staff attended snow and ice control training through the MVRMA program.
- Met with Jeff Kreill and JP Hader at Cassel Hills Pool to discuss operations and responsibilities.

TREE CITY USA

- Applied pre-emergent herbicide to landscape beds at the areas we maintain. This application helps reduce weed germination and thus requires less time and material in weed control through the spring and early summer.
- Working with an Eagle Scout candidate on a tree planting event here at the Sports Complex. He and his volunteers, assisted by Park Maintenance Staff, will plant 9 trees later this Spring. We also have three Commemorative Trees to plant this spring and our Arbor Day tree. We plan to order 300 Redbud bare root trees that will be handed out to Helke Elementary students at the Arbor Day Event.
- Tree work, including removal of some trees that had failed, were failing, or were potential hazards. The stumps were ground, and we have begun removing the chips, adding soil and grass seed.

RECREATION



Little Free Library

The Little Free Libraries have been delivered to Butler High School. We are waiting for students to submit their artwork proposal for each of the 4 libraries. Once the artwork is approved, the students will paint them. Once the painting is complete, the libraries will be installed at Copperfield, Brown School, Helke, and Warner Park.



Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund

We have been heavily marketing the Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund through social media over the past month. The current fund balance is \$33,387.89.

Upcoming Events

- Adult Easter Egg Hunt, Friday, April 8, 8:00 PM. 60 adults are currently registered.
- Spring Break Camp, March 28 - April 1. All days are full, and we are not taking any more registrations.



Successfully Run Programs

- Kid's Night Out - Friday, March 4, from 6:00 PM - 9:45 PM. 30 kids attended, which was our max.
- It's Slime Time w/ Stemily Studios - Tuesday, March 8, from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. 20 kids attended, which was 5 over the max. The kids made 3 types of slime: fluffy, crunchy, and icee.
- How to Build a Successful Financial Life for Teens - Wednesday, March 16, from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. This was taught by Kevin Larger from Thrivent Financial and he discussed investing, the value of money, etc. 7 teens attended this program.
- Vandalia St. Patrick's Day 5K - Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 PM at The Hairless Hare, and ran by the Ohio River Road Runners Club. 172 runners participated.
- Homeschool Takeover - Friday, March 18, from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. 234 people participated.

ATHLETICS

Optimist Club Youth Basketball

- The 2021-22 basketball season has come to a successful ending. Many thanks to all the volunteer Coaches, Staff, and Officials for making sure the season was a success!
- Congratulations to Coach Brandon Sucher and his 3rd/4th grade Champions! Thank you to our new Championship Circle sponsor, Premier Health, for their financial support of our youth sports programming.





2022 Baseball and Softball

- We currently have 431 kids registered. 442 kids participants in 2021. We anticipate more registrations for Start Smart over the next couple of weeks.
- All teams have been drawn and Coaches have been identified for 32 of the 33 teams we have this year. The final coach will be determined in the next couple of days.
- Uniforms have been ordered for all teams and Start Smart.
- Teams will begin practicing the week of March 21, with Opening Day being Saturday, April 23.
- Start Smart will begin on Wednesday, May 4.
- John continues to seek team sponsors. Many thanks to the Sponsors already committed!

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| 1. Fricker's | 12. Sabec Memorial VFW Post 9582 |
| 2. All-timate Trucking LLC | 13. Sister Cities of Vandalia |
| 3. Orthopedic Associates | 14. Skateworld of Vandalia |
| 4. Minster Bank | 15. St Johns Lodge #13 |
| 5. MetroNet | 16. The Expediting Co. |
| 6. Abbey Credit Union | 17. Vandalia Firefighters Assoc |
| 7. Airline Dairy Crème | 18. Vandalia Lions Club |
| 8. Beau Townsend Ford | 19. Christy's Pizza |
| 9. Lewis & Michael | 20. Irish Club of Dayton |
| 10. MSD | 21. Vandalia-Butler Optimist Club |
| 11. Neely Dental Team | 22. Vandalia Rotary Club |



Vanta will not be offering Summer Leagues, but will be offering Camps instead.



Registrations for 2022 Adult Softball are underway.

RECREATION CENTER

February Senior Incentive Winners -

\$50 Kroger Gift Card

Jon Parin - 15

Cheryl Tinney - 14



- Upcoming Health Talk - Get Back to the Activities you Enjoy, April 12, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.
- Premier offers glucose and blood pressure screenings the first Wednesday of every month.



Birthday Parties

The Rec Center is continuing to see a high number of birthday parties on Saturdays and Sundays. 32 parties were held in February. 24 Non-Resident, 8 Resident/Member.

STATS

Stats Update

- February Daily Admission Revenue - \$12,572 Non-Resident Revenue, and \$2,941 Resident Revenue.
- Senior Group Fitness classes continue to be well attended.

February 2021	February 2022	February 5-Year Avg	YTD 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 5-Year Avg
776	1008	891	1680	2078	1860

- February Insurance Based Membership Reporting

Insurance Company	Feb 2022 Active IBM's	Feb 2022 Visits	Feb 2021 Visits	Jan-Feb 2021 Visits	Jan-Feb 2022 Visits
Tivity	521	2885	1926	4151	6012
Optum	90	403	219	498	825
ASH	19	108	44	82	201
Totals	630	3396	2189	4731	7038

Member Resident Status	
Resident	253
Nonresident	231
Butler Twp	146
Totals	630

- Monthly EFT revenues continue to slightly increase.

March 2022 Total	March 2021 Total	5-Year Average
\$19,434	\$18,938	\$23,030

SENIOR CENTER



- We are working on expanding the monthly newsletter from 12 pages to 16 pages. The additional 4 pages will be used to promote Department/City happenings. We plan to sell advertising space in the newsletter to cover the cost of the expansion.
- The April Newsletter has been posted online: <https://vandaliaohio.org/341/Senior-Center>

Get Things Done

Friday, March 4, was "Get Things Done Day" at the Senior Center. Maintenance staff, Jerrod, Matt, and James installed 9 corner protectors in the kitchen and main hallway. The heater in the wall outside the women's restroom had been replaced more than a month ago, and was much smaller than the original. They put molding around the heater to frame it and then painted it. The back art-room door and the left pool-room door have been sticking and pulling some of the surface off of the door frame. Both of those were fixed and the trim stained again. Measurements were taken for new blinds in the kitchen, and they reviewed where a sheet of FRP board needed to go in the card/library room. Thanks Maintenance Staff!

CASSEL HILLS POOL

- Repairs to the diving board stands will take place prior to the pool opening on Saturday, May 28. We plan to have CHP passes go on sale by April 15. We are keeping the same Membership fee structure as years past.

PARK BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next in-person Park Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, at 6:30 PM at the Facilities Maintenance Garage. If you have any discussion topics for the May 18 meeting, please let Steve know!