

Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 5, 2021
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- 2 The regular Recreation Commission meeting was held Wednesday, May 5, 2021 via Zoom starting at 5:00 P.M.
- 3 Members present: Lynn Altadonna, Ed Sthal, Ryan Thibault, Art Shinnars, Dave Rogers, Adam Rice, Matt Frazee. Absent: Brett Loomis. In audience: Kate Smith, Scott Weathers
- 4 **5:04pm called to order. Agenda Approved.**
- 5 **4.7 minutes approved with correction that Dave Rogers was present.**
- 6 **David Gale Recreation Center Replacement**
- 7 Lynn stated the meeting by reviewing referring to the agenda summary and the drawing which showed a 5000sf new rec center at is existing location. The Recreation commission asked Matt to provide the needs and purpose for a new rec center. Matt explained in the agenda summary that replacement is needed primarily due to the current condition of the existing facility and also that a new facility would ideally have enough space to accommodate the summer camp program which has over 100 kids registered this season. Office space for 2-3 year round staff and 2-3 additional season staff, storage space, restrooms, kitchen/food prep and storage space, and activity function space were all listed as needs. The packet included a concept drawing showing a new 5,000 sf rec center at its existing location and the tennis courts staying at their existing location. Matt reiterated the feasibility of it depends on storm water and other permitting requirements.
- 8 Lynn recognized email responses from emails Matt had sent out looking for feedback from the community. Ryan mentioned that there is interest for a pump track and skateboard park. Lynn mentioned interest for pickleball.
- 9 Lynn asked Kate Smith to speak from audience. Kate said her and her children would like to see a lightning shelter at Polo and a facility for indoor soccer in winter. Adam said a space for indoor soccer would be ideal but questioned the cost.
- 10 Lynn mentioned the Cambridge facility which has space for multi-use indoor courts and also provides services for older populations in addition to youth. Lynn mentioned racquetball/wall ball and that it is very popular in Ohio. Ed said there can be a difference between what people say they want vs what people will actually use and making it financially viable. Adam and Ed said they think racquetball is less popular and has been discontinued in some places.
- 11 Lynn asked Scott Weathers to speak from audience. Scott said he feels there is significant interests in a skate park here and in Morrisville and mentioned a group that is exploring the concept. Matt said he is aware and has been in contact.
- 12 Dave Rogers suggested portable trailer for temporary offices and Ed mentioned SAA may also have space.

5:55 Lynn adjourned meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Matt Frazee