



RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes

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Thursday, September 18, 2025
Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Kevin Miller, Chair; NaStasha Cochran, Vice Chair; Ray English, Council Liaison; Andrew Pike, Commission Member; David Whitworth, Recreation Coordinator

2. Approval of Minutes

Cochran made a motion to approve the minutes; Pike seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. New Business

- a. OEAC Facility Assessment
- b. OEAC Community Survey

Miller gave an update, letting the Commission know that there had been an open house and a survey that went out to the community. There have been 193 responses from the survey so far. Many in the community would like to see an open gym, and the seniors would like to have more exercise equipment. Miller stated that the GPD Group has been approved to help with the project, and they will present to Council on October 6th. The survey will run until the end of September. The community would also like to see the OEAC Facility used for youth programs, but there needs to be more input from teens as to how they would like to see the space used. Miller encouraged the Commission to help get the survey out to more people. English asked about the GPD Group and improvements to be made to the building. Miller explained that the GPD Group didn't go into costs, but they might during their presentation to Council. They did talk about replacing the boiler system, a new roof, and utilizing grants for other opportunities. The next step is to do a building assessment, and there is some talk of tearing down the older wing of the building as well.

- c. Recreation Budget

Whitworth shared that the two biggest things in the budget this year are that the Planning Department has moved into the building, and Beth Wolosz, administrative assistant, is now working part time for the Planning Department and part time for the Recreation Department, so half her salary will be coming out of the Recreation budget. Those are the biggest differences between last year's budget and this year's budget.

4. Old Business

There was no old business.

5. Director's Report

Whitworth shared Ian Yarber's report with the Commission:

The Senior space is open Monday through Friday, but they come every other day. Different companies come to talk with the Seniors on a variety of topics, and the Seniors do exercise programs in the space as well as indoor walking. Over the summer, the Playground Experience was held with about 130 kids participating. The children went to the movies, the Oberlin Heritage Center, the art museum, and the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, as well as Cedar Point at the end of the summer. There were five Family Fun Nights held in conjunction with Diane Ramos's Tunes in Tappan during June, July, and August. There were food trucks, bouncy castles, cotton candy and face painting. The Recreation department also partnered with Art in the Park twice, there was a foam party, and a petting zoo. Many people in the community appreciate that the events are free. The annual Basketball Tournament was held, with 5 teams participating this year. The after-school program is in full swing now – it runs from 3:00-6:00, and the kids are able to do their homework, are tutored, have a snack, and then get to play. The Halloween parade is coming up in October. Finally, line dancing has been happening at OEAC on Wednesday nights for two dollars per person, drawing a large crowd.

6. Commission Members Discussion

English encouraged everyone to come to the work session on October 6th at 6:00.

7. Future Meetings – November 18, 2025

The Commission agreed to meet again at 7:00pm on November 18, 2025.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Wolosz

