

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

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PARKS, PLAYGROUND & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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The Parks, Playground & Community Services Committee meeting of the Village of Brooklyn Heights, Ohio was held on June 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Procuk presiding.

Present at roll call: Council Members: Berzins, Lasky, Presot, Tommer, Walsh
 Mayor: Procuk
 Clerk/Treasurer: Frank
 Law Director:
 Engineer:
 Police Chief:
 Fire Chief:
 Assistant Fire Chief:
 Service Director: Blados
 Building Commissioner: Monaco
 Assistant Building Official:
 Comm. Service Director: Guilfoyle
 Recreation Director:
 Soccer Commissioner:

GUESTS:

The purpose of the Parks, Playground & Community Services Committee meeting was to discuss subsidizing membership for the Seven Hills Rec Center for residents.

Ms. Guilfoyle distributed the information obtained from Seven Hill Recreation Director outlining the cost for each type of membership including individuals, families, etc. The subsidy noted was 50% for all ages. It was determined at a previous meeting that the Village would cover 100% of membership for senior and disabled residents and veterans.

She shared that she did not receive an answer from Cuyahoga Heights nor the Seven Hills Rec Director regarding how many residents from Cuyahoga Heights were utilizing their subsidy program.

Mrs. Presot said her concern is that we don't know what the cost might be. Mr. Berzins shared that if every family took advantage of this, the cost could reach \$157,000 and Mrs. Presot stated that possibly we offer a subsidy of less than 50%. Mr. Walsh felt that he liked the pricing schedule at 50% and that it covered all ages of residents. Ms. Guilfoyle referred to when this was first visited, many years ago, and that not many residents participated. Mayor Procuk added that residents felt that it was still too expensive.

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Mayor Procuk gave the subsidy amounts and the history of the Cuyahoga Heights pool pass program. He feels that only interested residents will apply for a membership when they have a little investment of their own. He suggested that Council think about a set amount versus a percentage subsidy to prevent wasted dollars. Mr. Walsh felt the 50% subsidy was a simple set up. Mr. Berzins said he would support either way of subsidizing the cost. Mr. Lasky agreed with the 50% subsidy. Mr. Frank stated that if 10% of our residents, say 150 residents, sign up at \$137 each, you're reaching a cost of \$20,550.

Mr. Frank suggested that this should be a recreation line item like the pool pass program and then stated that the next step would be to draw up legislation. Mayor Procuk suggested that we use September 1st as a start date. Mr. Tommer asked if the membership is yearly or when you sign up. Ms. Guilfoyle believes it is when you sign up and will get it confirmed from Seven Hills.

There were no further questions and the meeting was adjourned.



Jennifer Presot

Parks, Playground & Community Services Committee Chairperson