



## SHAKER HEIGHTS

**Recreation Committee Agenda  
Thornton Park, 3301 Warrensville Ctr. Rd.  
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:00 PM**

1. Approval of the November 2018 and January 2019 Meeting Minutes

Documents:

[RECMINSDRAFT11-7-18.PDF](#)  
[RECMINSDRAFT01-16-19.PDF](#)

2. Review of Senior Questionnaire Draft and Distribution Plan
3. Thornton Park Ice Rink Tour

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**Shaker Heights Recreation Committee Meeting**

**Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building**

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

**6:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Tres Roeder, Council Member, Chairperson  
Sean Malone, Council Member  
Lisa Cremer, School Board Representative  
David E. Weiss, Mayor  
Leta Obertacz, Citizen Member  
Alexandria Nichols, Recreation Department Director  
Terri Breeden, School Board Representative  
Troy Neujhar, Citizen Member

**Others Present:** Two Shaker Heights High School Students Residents

**Call to Order**

Tres Roeder, Council Member, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Council Chairperson, Tres Roeder

**Approval of October 3, 2018 Minutes**

Tres Roeder, Council Member, Chairperson

Minutes from October 3, 2018 meetings were approved by the committee as written.

**Senior Transportation Connection (STC) Contract Proposal Discussion**

Since 2009 the City of Shaker Heights has been contracting with Senior Transportation Connections (STC) for the provision of senior transportation services. Between 150 and 250 people register for this service annually and most use it for medical appointments, shopping, volunteering, banking and other transportation needs. Although not all registered people use the service, STC transports senior residents on over 4,000 one-way trips per year.

**Questions:**

- Do residents pay all for this service?
  - Residents do not pay for medical appointment trips. Instead a one dollar donation is requested for each one way trip from the resident using the service. There is a five dollar fee for using the service for personal trips.
- How does the billing work between the City and STC?
  - STC bills the City per one way ride. Based on the contract, the city bears the majority of the cost for the service. There have been troubles with residents requesting a ride and not being present when the STC showed up. If a resident is a “no show” three times in one quarter they will be suspended from the

service for the next quarter. However, upon appeal most residents have been permitted to use the service again.

- Why was the STC initially created?
  - At one point the City had an Office on Aging Senior Services. Through this office, the City had a fleet of vans and drivers that provided transportation services to the seniors in the city. This became a very expensive venture for the city to maintain and the office eventually closed. A consortium was created with multiple communities, called TC3 and it provided rides to the City's seniors. At some point TC3 evolved into the STC and the City started receiving financial assistance from the Western Reserve Areawide Agency on Aging. When WRAAA changed its focus to meal delivery all of this financial assistance was lost. The City now pays the full cost of senior transportation services.
- Are the STC vehicles equipped for Wheelchairs and other disabilities?
  - The STC has a variety of vehicles that are fully wheelchair accessible. RTA Paratransit service is an alternative service also equipped to transport seniors with disabilities.
- Are there other costs to administer and advertise the program?
  - The Recreation Department has a full time administrative assistant that handles all aspects of STC as part of her job duties. The program is advertised in our seasonal recreation catalogs as well as the city's website and our senior social worker.

It was also mentioned during the meeting that preliminarily discussions have been held with the Community Partnership on Aging, an eastside senior service consortium. The conversations have centered on how joining the consortium can help seniors age in place. The committee's discussion concluded with the passing of the STC Contract with the provision that a clause is included that gives the City an option to opt out of the contract if the City joins the consortium.

### **Update on The Getaway Teen Afterschool Program**

Director Nichols presented a slide show to the committee that provided an update on The Getaway in its second year of service. The overall goal of the program is to provide a safe and fun environment for the City's youth while engaging them in youth development programs. The program has been successful in maintaining a number of returning students on a regular basis. New activities are continually being offered to keep the students engaged. There have been challenges with the video game consoles and keeping them secured. Eventually there will be a student advisory board formed that will allow youth to have input on the overall structure and day to day workings of The Getaway.

### **Questions:**

- How do the teens find out about the program?
  - The Recreation Department hand delivers flyers at the High School. It has also been posted on Facebook and the Recreation Department has reached out to the high school administration to help advertise. The biggest source so far has been word of mouth from the teens that are coming on a regular basis.
- Could the city apply for grants to help fund the program?

- Data would have to be compiled and research would have to be done to see what kind of grants the city could potentially apply for. This is certainly something the city is open to.
- Have there been any capacity issues at the space?
  - No, we have experienced no capacity issues thus far.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm. The next Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:00 pm at City Hall.

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Tres Roeder, Council Member  
Chairperson, Recreation Committee



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**Shaker Heights Recreation Committee Meeting**

**City Hall Council Chambers**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

**6:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Tres Roeder, Council Member, Chairperson  
Jeri Chaikin, CAO  
David E. Weiss, Mayor  
Alexandria Nichols, Recreation Department Director  
Terri Breeden, School Board Representative  
Troy Neujhar, Citizen Member

**Others Present:** Tim Pool, TEC Inc.  
Jan Devereaux, League of Women Voters Representative

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tres Roeder, Council Member, Chairperson  
The meeting was called to order at 6:01PM by Council Chairperson, Tres Roeder

**Review of November 7, 2018 Minutes**

Tres Roeder, Council Member, Chairperson  
Minutes from November 7, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed but there was no quorum so they were not voted on.

**Thornton Park Ice Rink Study Presentation**

The project evolved during the development of the ten year capital plan in 2015. As a part of the capital plan, it was discussed that the rink is nearing 50 years old and the end of its useful life. In an effort to determine more definitively the remaining useful life the city hired a firm to evaluate the facility and the study took place in 2018. The finished report was turned into a presentation and shared with the Recreation Committee to provide an understanding of the existing conditions and help develop a plan for future community needs.

**Questions:**

- If the rink slab is replaced would the fire alarm also have to be updated at the same time?
  - Yes, any type of renovation to the building would require the fire alarm to be updated

- If all of the cosmetic upgrades are completed do we have a facility that meets the needs of the community?
  - No, we still would not be able to meet the needs of the community. The cosmetic upgrades do not fix the lack of space the current facility is lacking. The facility still needs girl locker rooms, family restrooms and a bigger meeting/party room. The building would need major renovations to accommodate the extra space that is needed.
- Are there other facilities in neighboring communities that can meet the city's needs?
  - Yes, Cleveland Heights and the Cleveland Skating Club could accommodate the city's rink needs.
- What is the revenue that the rink brings in to the city every year? What is the deficit that is incurred by the city?
  - Ice Rink Expenses were \$921,369 for 2018. The Ice Rink Revenue was \$552,850 for 2018.
- What is the total usage of the ice rink?
  - Thornton Park is like a community center on the east side of Shaker. The high school has a JV and a varsity team that utilize the rink. The youth hockey program has grown since learn to play hockey has been included. Learn to skate lessons also continues to grow. Thornton Park hosts an ice show every year. With that being said at least 100 people come in and out of the rink every day.
- What is the perceived value of the facility in the community?
  - The residents feel very strongly about the value of the facility. The residents would consider the loss of Thornton Park as a significant loss to their community.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next Recreation and Health Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 6:00 pm at City Hall.

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Tres Roeder, Council Member  
Chairperson, Recreation Committee