

CENTRAL BLAIR RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

January 16, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Frontino, Matt Pacifico, David Francis, Tim Brown,
Phil Ricco

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Ellis, Nate Kissell, Bob Pacifico

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Hofer, Judy Irvin, Andy DeArmitt, Jeremy Molina, Dan
Stants, Bill Kibler

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Ed Frontino.

A roll call of board members was taken.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approval of board minutes was next on the agenda. David Francis made a motion to approve, as read, the board minutes from the November 21, 2024, board meeting. Matt Pacifico seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously carried.

Approval of financial statements was next on the agenda. Matt Pacifico made a motion to approve the Regular January through December, 2024 financial report. David Francis seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously carried.

Executive Director's Report was next on the agenda.

Mike said the Community Classic Dinner is scheduled for March 1, 2025. At this point, we have 38 sponsors with two (2) weeks left to go; we had a total of 65 last year. We have about 200 tickets sold; we had a total of 450 last year. Sold-out would be about 500. Staff is currently following up with the businesses. The Silent Auction is pretty much done, and we will be working on getting baskets and raffles in February. The speaker, Quinton Aaron, will be flying from California to Pittsburgh on Friday, February 28th and we will have a service pick him up at the airport. Andy will be preparing the program booklet. Mike then asked the Board for any support they could give the event.

New Business was next on the agenda.

- A. Volunteer Screening Policy – Mike said that we have found over the last few years volunteers that went through the entire process of CBRC screening and for whatever reason they did not pass to volunteer for us, but they did pass to volunteer for the Altoona Area School District. We do not want to change our policy, however, if an individual is eligible to volunteer within the Altoona Area School District, then they would be eligible to volunteer for the Commission. This is mostly regarding felony charges and when they expire for us and when they expire with the School District. David Francis made a motion to add a footnote to the Volunteer Screening Policy saying that if volunteers have been vetted and passed the Altoona Area School District's Volunteer Screening Policy, then they automatically qualify to volunteer for the Commission. Matt Pacifico seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Program Cancellation Program – Mike said that in the past if the Altoona Area School District cancelled school for the day, due to inclement weather, then our evening programs are automatically cancelled. This causes scheduling problems for us, especially if the roads have cleared up by the evening. Mike would like to change this policy, and allow the CBRC staff to decide that if it is safe to travel, we will continue on with our evening programming. Matt Pacifico made a motion that the Commission staff has the right to determine if programming will be held on a day that the Altoona Area School District cancels classes due to inclement weather. David Francis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.
- C. Antis Township Agreement - Mike said about a year and a half again Antis Township wanted to partner with the Commission to provide a playground program for the residents of Antis Township. Some of the contract language in 2023 the Township did not agree with. We have been working with Doug Brown and Antis Township to provide this service for the summer of 2025. Staff is eager to provide this service and Antis Township has agreed to all terms of the contract. Mike recommends we sign this agreement for a one (1) year term. David Francis made a motion to approve a contract between Antis Township and the Central Blair Recreation & Park Commission for a one (1) year term to provide a playground program for the citizens of Antis Township in 2025. Matt Pacifico seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Questions from the News Media was next on the agenda. Bill Kibler from the Altoona Mirror asked for more details about the playground program to be held in Bellwood this coming summer. Mike said the playground program will be mirrored from the ones that we run in Altoona. Bellwood does not have this type of program, it will be run from 9 to 3, Monday through Friday. Antis Township will pay \$2,500 to the Commission and each participant will pay \$100 for a four (4) week program. The program will run from June 12 to July 3, a second session may also be considered. We will advertise through the Bellwood School District and our Facebook page. The Commission will work with the Township to provide scholarships for the participants that are in the low-mod income level.

David Francis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 p.m., Matt Pacifico seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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K. Michael Hofer
Executive Director