

Director's Report for July 30, 2018 Board Meeting

- 1.) The Parks and Recreation Department has begun the Master Planning for the reconfigured Schroder Park. They are planning on moving the existing playground as soon as this fall. Mourning Hope, Willard, Community Health Endowment and neighborhood representatives are all at the planning table. The Lincoln West Kiwanis Club has also expressed an interest in helping with this project. If you have any suggestions that you would like to see in the park please let me know. Our next meeting is August 7th from 3:30 to 4:30 at the Parks and Rec. Office.
- 2.) You had asked me to get you quotes on our Insurance package. I contacted McCashland, Kirby and they said that if we have Philadelphia and Markel Insurance that is the best and most reasonable insurance for non-profits and they would not be able to compete against that. Greg Mendoza with Mittelstadt is going to give us a quote but I don't know if I will have it in time for our meeting on July 30th. Stay tuned for more updates.
- 3.) Willard will be hosting a Resource Fair along with Center For People In Need on August 18th from 9 to noon. CFPIN will be contacting all of their resources to come to Willard that morning to have booths with information to hand out to the community. Every agency that I have talked to tell me that this is an area of town that they are wanting to bring services to. They are excited about having Willard be their partner to help with this. We will have Cedars, WIC, food programs, and many other services and agencies represented at this fair.
- 4.) We are working on getting in all the registrations for our programs for the school year. We are having signs made to put in front of our building and on street corners to advertise the programs. We are hoping that our preschool programs fill up. So far we are over 90 for the Roper Program and we know that will be full at 150. We have new principals at all three schools that we work with. We have met with Dr. Lynn Fuller at Roper and we will be moving to the west cafeteria and gym and will potentially be gaining the art and music rooms to be used after school for homework time. This will be a good move for us as we won't be moved out of the all purpose room every time there is a meeting or an event. The principal at Lakeview, Kelly Joy, is all excited about our CLC program and is eager to have the teachers be more helpful when planning big school events together. We have not yet met, Charlotte Everts, principal at Park Middle School. We hope to do that yet before school starts.
- 5.) The last day of our Summer Program is August 8th. We will not be open for child care on the 9th and 10th in order to get the building ready for Open Houses. School starts on August 13th.
- 6.) We need to decide what to do about our big message sign that is laying by the front door. Is it Ok to sell it and get what we can for it? I don't think we can afford to have it reinstalled so I would like to get rid of it before school starts.
- 7.) I have given several tours of the building to different groups. The Lincoln Chinese Academy was interested in renting our building every Sunday from 1-5 pm. I gave them the quote of \$500 for the whole building every Sunday because we said we would rent out the whole building for \$125 an hour. I also told them to talk about it and give us a proposal of what they could pay us.

I have not heard back from them yet so we will see. Do we want to have the whole building rented out every Sunday? This would eliminate the community rentals on Sundays but it would be a steady income. I have not heard anything from the Ukrainian School. They always used 3-4 rooms of the building for 2 hours on Saturday mornings and we use to charge them \$1.00 per child each week. I would like to get groups like this back into the building because the funders were always impressed by what a unique community center we were.

- 8.) I think that we have completed all the steps to get the approval of the declaration of city owned property as surplus, change of zone from R-2 to P for the park, street and alley vacation, and the sales agreement and park land designation. The City, Mourning Hope and Willard have gone before the Planning Commission in June and the City Council in July. Now we just have to wait for the City Council to vote on it next week and then another two weeks to see if anyone comes forward with a disagreement about anything and then all will be approved.