

Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Commission  
Minutes for the April 26, 2022 Meeting  
Taft Center for Innovation

**Attendance**

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Emeritus Members</u>
William Fraunfelder III, President *	Leslie Favre Krogman	Donald McQuilkin*
Tom Zigman V. President	Sharon Mathaios	Mark Twohig*
Matt Markling *	Asst. Superintendent Dr. Palumbo	
Joe Stolitza	Mark Walter	
Art Gold		
Maureen Dowell		
Christopher Mehling		

Staff and Emeritus Members marked with an \* were not in attendance

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes:** March 29, 2022, approved with an amendment made to the minutes reinstating Coach Dow.

**RECREATION REPORT:** The purple and gold classic went well with lots of excitement. All 7 elementary schools took part with Emerson taking the win. Thanks to Mr. Jim O'Brian for taking pictures. The dance team from Emerson was wonderful. The kids got to keep the uniforms. Three truckloads of personal hygiene products were collected for the Lakewood service center. Commissioners gave props to Leslie for the well-run event with an amazing atmosphere. Fun was had by all.

Summer athletics 72 Adult softball teams, Youth soccer program, Emerald necklace, LCBA, 40 youth in-house baseball teams.

Summer activities: Many summer camps are offered for youth and adults this summer.

Foster pool meetings every couple of weeks to finalize details.

Field maintenance machines are now being repaired at Bruce's Auto Repair in Lakewood.

City and Recreation meetings on Foxx and Usher field. Statement attached

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**Public Comment:** Ms. Julia Tooke has questions about the renovations of Foxx and Usher fields. Questions will be emailed to Leslie Krogman.

Mr. AJ Magner has concerns about the completion certificate and warranty of work after the city spent 210,000.00 on fields.

Mr. Bob Sedlak is excited about Lakewood's summer swim league. Had some questions about scholarship money to help LRST.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Motion to approve Remembrance bench for late CREC members. The Quote is approved for Lakewood's West Shore Technical program to start construction. Lakewood Recreation will cover the cost.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mark Walter introduced himself and let us know he is excited to join the team.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Next CREC meeting June 28, 2022

Please read the following statement, developed collaboratively with Mayor's Office, for an update on the status of the fields:

We are happy to report that the City and its Project Team (O Sports and RJ Platten) - are completing the fields' work at Jimmie Foxx Field (Kauffman Park) and George J. Usher Field (Madison Park). In total, nearly \$200,000 was spent on this improvement project, which includes grading work which meets industry standards and increases drainage capabilities. Only seeding and top dressing (dirt infill) remain. Due to the heavy precipitation this spring, the germinating of grass will hopefully be taking place over the next 2-3 weeks. Please also know that the Fields will be reseeded in the fall after the playing season finishes to further benefit the stability of the surfaces. The Recreation Department will be monitoring the Fields' conditions on a regular basis. After discussion with Lakewood Community Baseball Association (LCBA) members regarding the aforementioned seeding work and giving us the best opportunity for grass to germinate in the areas beyond the infield where such additional underdrainage was installed, the reopening of the fields should occur on or approximately on May 15, weather willing.

Thank you.