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Monessen Revamps Recreation Board

MONESSEN – After a string of board member resignations in March, the City of Monessen has revamped its Recreation Board, which will provide programming at the Monessen Civic Center, and all of Monessen’s Nine Parks - 6th Street Park, 9th Street Park, City Park, Herman Mihalich Boat Launch, Columbus Park, Motheral Park, Shawnee Park, City Soccer Field, and Madison Park.

Monessen appointed Raynelle Mays, Mark Panicucci, and Karla Spangler to fill the three vacant seats. The other two members are ReAnna Merritt and Val Weible. The City also adopted an amended ordinance, governing the operation of the Recreation Board and the operating and rental procedures for the Monessen Civic Center. No procedures existed in writing, prior to the ordinance amendment. The Ordinance also adds two additional seats, making it a seven-member board, as well as two non-voting student member positions, and an option for the Monessen School Board to have a liaison to the Recreation Board. All board members must have Child Abuse Clearances. The new Recreation Board is quickly working to plan some new programming for Summer 2021.

City Council is exploring the possibility of bringing back a part-time, on-call Civic Center Director to handle Civic Center scheduling and management. A similar position existed several decades ago.

The Monessen Civic Center is available to rent for events, programming, and sporting activities. Please contact Monessen City Hall for more information.

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