

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, September 3rd, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm

1. In Attendance:

Al Ebert, Mark Rajkovich, Dennis Miller, Vicki Shafran, Judy Christianson, Wendy Behnke, Joel Thorpe, Betty Nies and Director Ann Marx. Excused was Shelly Lau.

2. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Betty Nies, seconded by Vicki Shafran to approve the agenda with an update to the date (agenda says August 6th, 2020 – should be September 3rd, 2020). Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Judy Christianson, seconded by Mark Rajkovich, to approve the August 6, 2020 Park and Recreation Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

4. Visitors: none.

5. Chairman's Report: none

6. Directors Reports:

A. Community Center:

1. Facility Report: Attendance has been good. Overall doing great. Swim lessons continue.
2. 2021 Budget
 - a. Income down from last year – no public school swim lessons, no summer school swimming, rentals down.
 - b. Daycare is coming Tuesday mornings
 - c. Team went through budget with Director Marx.
3. Fencing North of BCC:
 - a. Neighbors requested to put lattice in the chain link fence to make their properties more private. They will be doing so with their own funds. The board had no concerns.

B. Parks:

1. Community Sponsorship: The Park Board agreed at this point there is no need for this as our parks are already taken care of with help from the community.

2. Rentals: The DPW has had some concerns about rentals in the parks not cleaning up after their parties. At this point we do not know the extent of this and have agreed to watch and see as we cannot prove that it was the rental that left things behind. The board agreed that if we have problems in the future we could look at some sort of clean up fee if necessary.
3. Horn Park: The City has received a grant for \$760,000 which is a matching grant – so the city needs to commit \$760,000 to get the grant. The board feels like we need clarification from Mark Olson as to what is actually going on with the park, things have changed since we saw the original plans, acreage has changed, placement has changed. The board asked Ann Marx to set up a special meeting with Mark Olson to get an update.

C. Aquatics:

1. The patron comparison shows we are doing great even with the COVID crisis. We are down a little, but we have not had as much open swim times.
2. Fall Swim Lessons: There will be 4 – 30 min classes – allows for less in a class. We are in need of life guards.

D. Recreation: no report.

7. Old Business:

- a. Pool pump has been fixed.
- b. Gaga Ball Pit: Mark Rajkovich will contact the kids that were interested once things settle down and look at getting samples and ideas.

8. New Business:

- A. Fall Open Swim: Free open swim will be the 2nd Saturday of the Month with the Police Department sponsoring Nov., Jan., and March and the Optimist Club and Brillion Athletic Association Sponsoring other months. It will be from 10:30 -12.
- B. Metal Detection in the Parks: There was interest in doing some metal detection in our parks. The park said as long as things do not get dug up all over the place they did not have a problem with this.

9. Adjournment

At 5:05 pm, Chairman Ebert adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Wendy Behnke, Commission Secretary