

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Don Osterday at 6:30 PM. Present at roll call were: Don Osterday, Scott Heinberg, Stuart Vamstad, Mary Jane Sturtz and Pat Hardyman. Excused absence: Aaron Wolfe and Jill Ringen. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, John Sonsalla, Doug Lindstrom, Amy Prine and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Vamstad second by Hardyman that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Hardyman second by Sturtz to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under comments from citizens present, Mayor Breunig reported Suzy Osterday presented Doug and Amy with a Certificate of Appreciation award at the Chamber/Main Street Awards event last Sunday.

Under unfinished business, discussion was held concerning the replacement of the part time employee at the Wellness Center. Doug Lindstrom and Amy Prine stated they would like to allow Shirley Acherman to work as a volunteer at the Wellness Center to do computer work. Discussion was then held concerning whether the City Council would allow volunteers to work for the City. In the past it was not allowed. It was suggested to contact the City's insurance carrier to see if there was a liability concern. After discussion and consideration, motion by Hardyman second by Sturtz to recommend to the Council the approval of allowing Shirley Acherman to work as a volunteer at the Wellness Center to do computer work. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the replacement of the Zumba instructor. Amy reported she was contacted by Heather Reineke of Blanchardville offering her services as a Zumba instructor. She stated she has seven years teaching experience, and is interested in working at the Wellness Center. Doug Lindstrom and Amy Prine were then instructed to meet with Heather, interview her for the position, and report back to the Committee when appropriate.

Discussion was then held concerning the update of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Doug Lindstrom then distributed copies of a handout to those present, which listed the revisions he would like to see in the plan update. He listed the revisions by park, and also listed accomplishments of work completed since the current plan was approved. Doug then encouraged those present to provide their input on revisions they would like to see in the park plan. Several items were presented and discussed. Doug then stated all the ideas can be provided to the planner when one is hired for the plan renewal process.

Discussion was then held concerning proposals received for the update of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Request for proposal letters were sent to four firms, and each one responded to the letter.

Copies of the proposals received were distributed to those present at this meeting for their review. Doug then instructed those present to review the proposals prior to the next committee meeting, and the matter will be placed on the meeting agenda for the March, 2015 Park and Recreation Committee meeting.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning a "Bunny Hop Run" scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2015. Amy reported this is a 5 K run, and she would like the net proceeds from the run be shared by the Wellness Center and the Friendship Fund. It was then reported the Wellness Center is operated by the City of Darlington, and the City Council may come under criticism if they solicit funds through the run participants, and then donate those funds to another entity. After discussion and consideration, motion by Heinberg second by Hardyman to recommend approval of the Bunny Hop Run to the City Council as presented; and let them decide if donation of funds to the Friendship Fund is appropriate. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning revised Wellness Center and gym policies. Copies of the new policies and procedures list was distributed to those present at this meeting. Doug Lindstrom and Amy Prine reported on the changes made to the current list. Doug then asked those present to review this information and let him know if any corrections need to be made. The matter will be listed on the next meeting agenda for review and approval.

Amy Prine and Doug Lindstrom then updated those present on Wellness Center and recreation program activities. Amy distributed a copy of a list of the current number of Wellness Center memberships. She also thanked committee members for allowing the purchase of the Jacob's ladder and Helix exercise machines. They are receiving a lot of usage by the members. Amy also reported the upholstery work is now all done for the weight machines. The total cost of this project was \$2,360.00, which was within budget. And Amy reported she has a waiting list for the spinning classes.

Doug Lindstrom reported the Saturday basketball program has three to four weeks left, as does his open gym program. Then hopefully the weather will cooperate, and the kids can be outside again.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Hardyman second by Heinberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer