PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 28, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Don Osterday at 6:38 PM. Present at roll call were: Don Osterday, Scott Heinberg, Mary Jane Sturtz and Pat Hardyman. Excused absence: Aaron Wolfe, Stuart Vamstad and Gary Ringen. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, John Sonsalla, Doug Lindstrom, Amy Prine, Paul Krause, Kathy Rielly and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under unfinished business, discussion was held concerning the proposed development of a disc golf course in Swimming Pool Park. Doug Lindstrom and Paul Krause presented the information and answered questions from those present. Doug also provided an air photo showing the course layout with hole locations. Mr. Krause stated he has or will have sponsors for the cost of all the hole baskets; the concrete is being donated by Bard Materials; wood is being donated by Nodolf Lumber; and signage is being donated by TJ Graphics. Doug stated the recreation budget will sponsor the cost of one hole basket. After discussion and consideration, motion by Heinberg second by Sturtz to recommend to the Council the approval of the development of a disc golf course in Swimming Pool Park as presented. Motion carried.

Amy Prine then updated those present on current Wellness Center memberships. A copy of the current handout was included in the agenda packet. The May membership totals were about the same as the previous months.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning rental of the aerobics room for Twi Kwon Do classes for the summer months. Amy Prine explained Russ Paul contacted her concerning this request. The aerobics room was not previously approved for rental by this committee or the City Council. Amy stated the aerobics room is available several nights during the week, when dance classes are not being held. Discussion was then held concerning what fee should be charged per each nights use. It was reported the room will be used for approximately two hours each night. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Heinberg to recommend to the Council the rental of the aerobics room by Russ Paul for Twi Kwon Do classes, at the rate of \$25.00 per night, no weekends, plus a \$50.00 damage deposit. The room will cease to be available when dance classes start again the end of the summer. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning gym rental for basketball tournament practice times. Amy Prine stated she has been contacted by several parents who want to use the gym without charge, for traveling team basketball practice. Chairman Osterday stated this has been asked several times before, and the decision remains the gym is not available for this use.

Discussion was then held concerning Wellness Center Zumba classes. Amy Prine explained she was contacted by Michelle Lindstrom, the current Zumba class instructor for the Wellness Center; that she would like to start her own class separate from the Wellness Center, in one of the City parks. Currently Michelle teaches Zumba classes on Tuesday and Sunday nights in the Wellness Center. Discussion was held concerning the use of taxpayer property for personal gain. Discussion was also held concerning the policing of City parks to prevent the use for personal gain. It was the consensus of those present not to encourage use of City facilities for personal gain, unless the area being used was reserved for their private use, and a fee was paid to the City. It was also suggested Attorney McDaniel should be contacted and asked to provide a legal opinion regarding this matter.

Discussion was then held concerning the establishment of a youth volleyball program under the recreation department. Kathy Rielly attended the meeting to present information and answer questions. Kathy and Doug Lindstrom stated the program will be held in the Municipal Building gym on Saturday mornings from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the fall, before the youth basketball program starts. The Darlington Volleyball Booster Club will provide manpower to work with the youth and provide supervision. Each participant will be charged so much per head for gym rent, at the same rate as the youth basketball program. After discussion and consideration, motion by Hardyman second by Sturtz to approve the youth volleyball program under the recreation department as presented. Motion carried.

Amy Prine then updated those present on current Wellness Center programs. She stated everything is going well, and class participation continues steady. She also stated Liz Lawinger is doing a good job as well. Doug Lindstrom reported on the restroom construction project in Swimming Pool Park. The project completion date is June 7th. Doug then stated the swimming pool has been cleaned and painted, and he will start filling the pool May 29th. If the weather continues warm, he plans on having the pool open by Friday, June 6th. Doug then stated his soccer and softball programs have started, and the campground has been very busy.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sturtz second by Heinberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer