

## **PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 24, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Don Osterday at 6:55 PM. Present at roll were: Don Osterday, Aaron Wolfe, Scott Heinberg and Mary Jane Sturtz. Excused absence: Jill Ringen, Stuart Vamstad and Pat Hardyman. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, John Sonsalla, Doug Lindstrom, Amy Prine, Paul Krause and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under unfinished business, discussion was held concerning the draft copy of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. A copy of the draft plan was included in the agenda packet. A Public Hearing was held just prior to this meeting regarding the draft plan. Several comments and suggestions were made to the draft plan by those present. Suzanne Vincent of Vierbicher Associates, Inc. conducted the public hearing and stated the comments and suggestions from the public hearing will be incorporated into the final plan, which will be presented at the July, 2015 meeting of this committee. Steve and Deb Pickett arrived at the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Discussion was then held concerning disbursement of the net proceeds from the Bunny Hop Run. Amy Prine reported the Bunny Hop Run created a net income of \$2,100.00. It was suggested at a previous meeting, the net proceeds from this run would be split between the Friendship Fund and the Wellness Center. Discussion was then held regarding the expenditure of the Wellness Center share of these funds. Amy suggested the Wellness Center share be used to purchase computer attachments to the nine spinning bikes. The estimated cost is \$120.00 per bike. Chairman Osterday stated the expenditure of the Wellness Center portion of the net income was not on the agenda; only how the net proceeds would be split. After discussion and consideration, motion by Sturtz second by Wolfe to split the \$2,100.00 net income of the Bunny Hop Run 50/50 between the Friendship Fund and Wellness Center. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning a gym use request from Social Services walking group. This matter was tabled from the previous committee meeting. Amy Prine stated she was contacted again with this request. The request is for senior citizens to use the gym for walking for one hour, one day per week, year round. It was suggested this gym use be scheduled at a time the gym is currently not busy. After discussion and consideration, motion by Wolfe second by Sturtz to approve this gym use request as presented for a six month trial basis, for a fee of \$300.00. By Voice Vote: Ayes: Sturtz, Heinberg and Wolfe. Nay: Osterday. Motion carried.

Doug Lindstrom then reported on changes he and Chairman Osterday made regarding employees at the swimming pool. After the list of employees was approved, Doug Lindstrom asked the newly hired pool manager for a copy of her WSI Credentials. She either didn't have them or declined to provide them; so she was then not eligible to be the pool manager. Therefore, Payton Steiner was promoted to the Manager position, and Hope Robiolio was promoted to the Assistant Manager position. It was the consensus of those present to approve the actions of Chairman Osterday and Doug Lindstrom in this matter.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning additional tee off pads for the disc golf course at Swimming Pool Park. Paul Krause attended the meeting to present this information and answer questions. He stated last year they installed nine, six foot long tee off pads, and now they want to extend those to ten feet long. They would also like to install an additional nine new tee off pads to make the course 18 holes instead of nine holes. The nine holes will remain the same, you would just tee off from a different position on the course. Doug Lindstrom stated he did not budget anything for this in 2015. Mr. Krause then asked if the project could be completed if he raised the money for the project himself. It was the consensus of those present to approve the project for 2015 if Mr. Krause raised the money; or consider the project during the 2016 budget season.

Discussion was then held concerning the replacement of the basketball standards at the outdoor basketball court located in Riverside Park. Doug Lindstrom reported he was contacted by Herb Stone who told him representatives of the Sieg Foundation had donated funds for the purchase of new basketball standards for the outdoor basketball court in Riverside Park. The new equipment has already been purchased and delivered, and Doug was told the new equipment would be installed by Sieg Foundation supporters. Don Osterday stated he would look into this matter further. Doug Lindstrom then stated he was told this project would be done with no cost to the City. After discussion and consideration, motion by Osterday second by Heinberg to approve the basketball standards replacement at the outdoor basketball court in Riverside Park under Doug Lindstrom's supervision and at no cost to the City. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning participation in the Silver Sneakers Insurance Program for Wellness Center members. Amy Prine reported she was contacted by a current senior Wellness Center member about this program. The Silver Sneakers Insurance Program is for Medicare clients; and provides a \$2.50 per visit, up to \$20.00 per month payment to the Wellness Center for those eligible. The program does not cost the Wellness Center anything to participate. Amy stated each month she needs to report on the usage of these clients, and then the Wellness Center would receive payment for their visits. The insurance program will also provide computer equipment if the current system will not adequately monitor the program. The pros and cons of a program like this were discussed, as well as how this program will affect current senior membership numbers. After discussion and consideration, motion by Wolfe second by Sturtz to approve participation in the Silver Sneakers Insurance Program for Medicare clients as presented. By Voice Vote: Ayes: Sturtz, Heinberg and Wolfe. Nays: Osterday. Motion carried.

Amy Prine then distributed a handout to those present listing Wellness Center memberships for February, 2015 through May, 2015.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Heinberg second by Wolfe to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer