

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 25, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Don Osterday at 6:30 PM. Present at roll call were: Don Osterday, Aaron Wolfe, Scott Heinberg and Stuart Vamstad. Excused absence: Gary Ringen, Mary Jane Sturtz and Pat Hardyman. Also present were: Amy Prine, Sharon Reese, Rich Westerman and Phil Risseuw.

Chairman Osterday then informed those present that Gary Ringen has resigned his position on this committee. Mr. Osterday stated Mr. Ringen has served on this committee for a long time, and thanked Mr. Ringen for his many years of service. Therefore, a new committee member is now needed. If current committee members have any suggestions for the new committee member, please contact Mayor Breunig or Chairman Osterday.

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

Under comments from citizens present, Rich Westerman attended the meeting to present information concerning his health insurance company's reimbursement plan for health facility memberships. The health insurance company will reimburse their insured customers \$20.00 per month, dependent upon the insured customer's use of the facility. In order for the insured customers to receive reimbursement, the Ritter Wellness Center would need to pay monthly fees to the health insurance company. Mr. Westerman has been told by City employees no other health insurance company requires the Ritter Wellness Center to pay fees to the insurance company, prior to reimbursing their insured customers for their membership costs. Therefore, the City employees don't feel the Ritter Wellness Center should pay monthly fees to this health insurance company.

Mr. Westerman feels the Ritter Wellness Center should pay the monthly fees, as the participation with United Health Insurance Co., will lead to more memberships for the Wellness Center. After the presentation, Chairman Osterday stated he would discuss this matter with Mayor Breunig, and report back to Mr. Westerman later. Mr. Westerman then left the meeting.

Under unfinished business, Chairman Osterday reported on the following:

- The new restroom facility in Swimming Pool Park is now open for use. There are a few punch list items to complete, but the project is near completion.
- The large building in Pecatonica River Trails Park is in need to additional repair work. Committee members were encouraged to look it over for future reference.
- According to Doug Lindstrom, the DNR grant application decision time for the work at the campground is August 17, 2014. Doug will continue to be in contact with DNR representatives concerning this grant application.
- And the current Wellness Center application spreadsheet was reviewed and discussed. Membership totals continue to remain relatively constant.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the donation and installation of a swing set addition for the Swimming Pool Park playground. Sharon Reese attended the meeting to present this information and answer questions. Sharon stated the Lions Club and Optimist Club are willing to donate the total cost of a six swing set addition to the playground at Swimming Pool Park; up to a total cost of \$6,500.00. The six swings will include two baby swings and four regular swings. The project includes the equipment purchase and installation, and installation of appropriate ground material. The two service clubs are seeking permission from this Committee and the City Council to proceed with this project. After discussion and consideration, motion by Heinberg second by Wolfe to recommend to the Council the approval of this proposed project as presented. Motion carried. Sharon Reese then left the meeting.

Amy Prine then updated those present on current Wellness Center programs. She stated things continue to go well. Attendance is down a little this summer, which is normal. The spinning classes are well attended, and the treadmills are still running fine.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Wolfe second by Heinberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Motion carried.

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