

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman John Sonsalla at 7:00 PM. Present at roll call were: John Sonsalla, Scott Heinberg, Aaron Wolfe, Mary Jane Sturtz, Stuart Vamstad and Leah Gollmer. Excused absence: Jill Ringen. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, Jason King, Amy Prine, Wade Berget (arrived at 7:08) and Robin Steiner.

Immediately following roll call, Sonsalla requested that the Committee recess to Veterans Memorial Park to look at possible sign locations. Motion by Wolfe second by Sturtz to recess to Veterans Memorial Park. Motion carried.

Upon the Committee's return to the Council Room, motion by Sturtz second by Gollmer that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Vamstad second by Heinberg to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under comments, suggestions, or recommendations from citizens, Sonsalla talked about the Doug Lindstrom Field dedication and the presentation of the golden whistle to Doug that had occurred earlier in the evening.

Under unfinished or deferred business, an informational packet was distributed to the Committee that broke down the financing of the new equipment that is being purchased for the Dora Ritter Wellness Center.

Under new business, the Veterans Memorial Park sign was discussed. Jason King will contact the state to see if the sign would be able to be placed in the median. Jason will also look into whether Veterans Memorial Park is on both sides of the road. After discussion, motion by Wolfe second by Vamstad to place a two-sided sign for Veterans Memorial Park in the median if approved with the state. No size was specified. Recommend approval to the Council. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the proposed 2019 budget requests for the Parks and Recreation Department. Copies of the proposed budget were included in the agenda packet. Wade Berget presented his budget. Wade stated the 2019 Park and Recreation budget includes \$61,200.00 in total revenues and \$236,475.00 in total expenses; and outlay requests of \$1,000.00 for recreation, \$5,000.00 for the swimming pool and \$18,000.00 for parks. The total expenditures are \$4,450.00 higher than 2018 budgeted amounts or 1.92% higher; which is within the 2.0% increase allowed by Mayor Breunig. The total expenses also include the 2.0% wage increase allowed by Mayor Breunig. Vamstad questioned if the campground revenues budgeted should be increased since in years past we have had substantially more income than projected. The Committee discussed whether the campground should be expanded. Wade informed them that there are many restrictions/regulations to be considered. Motion by Heinberg second by Gollmer to forward the budget as presented to the finance committee and then Mayor for approval. Motion carried.

Amy Prine presented the proposed 2019 Wellness Center budget. Copies of the proposed budget were included in the agenda packet. Amy stated the 2019 Wellness Center budget includes \$110,000.00 in total revenues and \$113,931.00 in total expenses. The total expenditures are \$2,061.00 higher than 2018 budgeted amounts or 1.84% higher; which is within the 2.0% increase allowed by Mayor Breunig. The proposed budget includes the 2.0% wage increase allowed by Mayor Breunig. Amy stated she would like to see a City Outlay account added for equipment to her budget to put any money left over at the end of the year into. Motion by Heinberg second by Gollmer to forward the budget as presented to the finance committee and then Mayor for approval. Motion carried.

Wade Berget stated that Burbach Aquatics had to reschedule the pool evaluation. They will be conducting the evaluation on October 1, 2018. Wade said that flag football has been a struggle this year to get the games in with the weather.

After Wade's update, Mayor Breunig brought up the open gym issue. Wade informed the Committee that starting the first full week in November there will be open gym Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5:00 pm and Fridays 1:30 to 3:30.

Amy Prine said her "Senior" yoga will be starting soon, she is hoping the second week of October. The time of day is yet to be determined. Amy is hopeful that class size will be around 25 participants per class. To start, yoga class will be once a week

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

CITY OF DARLINGTON

Robin Steiner, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer