

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

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

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

There were no comments, suggestions, or recommendations from citizens.

Under unfinished or deferred business, Mayor Breunig asked if any comments or feedback were heard on the new Sieg Field basketball court. Berget and committee members all responded that all comments heard to date were positive in nature.

Under new business, Amy Prine presented the proposed 2018 Wellness Center budget. Copies of the proposed budget were included in the agenda packet. The question of whether the Les Mills program was still needed came up. Amy stated she would like to participate for one more year. Amy stated the 2018 Wellness Center budget includes \$109,000.00 in total revenues and \$111,870.00 in total expenses; and Ritter Funds purchase request of \$18,875.00 for new carpet in the cardio room and a new stairclimber. After discussion, the committee decided to wait and see how much money would still be available at the end of this year's budget to put toward the carpet and stairclimber purchase. The proposed budget includes the 2.0% wage increase allowed by Mayor Breunig. Motion by Sturtz second by Heinberg to present the budget with possible change of the Ritter Funds purchases to the finance committee and then Mayor for approval. Motion carried.

Amy Prine then presented a review of the membership numbers. She is looking for an increase in future months as the weather changes. Amy was asked about the decline in exercise class revenue. She stated there is a variety of reasons; moves out of the community, time of year and not enough time.

In discussion of the 5 year Park & Recreation Plan, Osterday stated he would like to see updates at the wading pool, possibly through donations from the community. Review of parks and their locations within the city. Gollmer brought up the fact that the tree roots in the park behind Piggly Wiggly are horrible and are a danger for smaller children. Wade Berget will look into the issue.

Discussion was then held concerning the proposed 2018 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 2018 Park and Recreation budget includes \$60,200.00 in total revenues and \$232,025.00 in total expenses; and outlay requests of \$5,000.00 for the swimming pool and \$19,000.00 for parks. The total expenditures are \$4,325.00 higher than 2017 budgeted amounts or 1.90% 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. Wolfe questioned

if the projection was realistic for the camping revenue to finish out the 2017 year. Mayor Breunig asked if Wade was looking at any fee increases. Wolfe asked about having no money allocated to the camping outlay. Motion by Wolfe second by Gollmer to present the budget as presented to the finance committee and then Mayor for approval. Motion carried.

Osterday commended both Amy and Wade for staying within their budgets.

Osterday then requested a change in the agenda to move item 7g up for current discussion. It was the consensus of the committee to move the agenda item.

After years of dedicated service to the City of Darlington, the committee examined the possibility of naming either a portion of the walking trail or the Black Bridge football field in honor of Doug Lindstrom. After discussion, the committee decided to name the Black Bridge field, Doug Lindstrom Field. There will be two signs (one on each end) made by the Belmont High School woods class and Nodolf Lumber will be donating posts for the signs. Motion by Heinberg second by Sturtz to rename the Black Bridge field to Doug Lindstrom Field and make and display the signs as presented and recommend approval to the City Council. Motion carried. Kim Winslow then left the meeting.

Discussion was then held in reference to a new Ferris Mower purchase. Wade stated that he would like to stay on a 4 year rotation with replacements. Questions were brought up in regards to warranties and whether the funding could come from this year's budget. Motion by Osterday second by Gollmer to purchase the new mower with this year's funds if budget permits and recommend approval to the City Council. Motion carried.

After discussion on the purchase of a John Deere Gator Work Series, the issue was tabled to a future meeting.

Wade Berget let all present know that the sealing of the walking trail has been backed off until next spring due to the flooding this summer. Wade stated that he had spoken with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers in regards to the possibility of honoring the quote for next spring. Fahrner's will honor the bid and be available in the spring to provide the sealcoat service.

Wade Berget then reported on current recreation programs. He stated flag football is going well. Wade has 62 participants. Third and fourth graders play 6 on 6. Fifth and sixth graders play 8 on 8. Wade and Jerry each ref and they play two games at a time on side by side fields. Fourth, fifth and sixth grade volleyball is happening on Saturday mornings with 37 participants. Women's volleyball league has started. There are 5 teams in each division.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Gollmer second by Sturtz to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. Motion carried.

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Robin Steiner, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer