

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 29, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Don Osterday at 6:30 PM. Present at roll call were: Don Osterday, Scott Heinberg, Aaron Wolfe, Mary Jane Sturtz, Jill Ringen, Leah Gollmer, and Stuart Vamstad. Excused absence: None. Also present were: John Sonsalla, Mary Polkinghorn, Roger Schamberger (Burbach Aquatics), Brian Lund, Amy Prine, Wade Berget and Robin Steiner.

Motion by Ringen 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.

Under comments, suggestions, or recommendations from citizens, Mary Polkinghorn expressed her disappointment in the open gym schedule for the winter months only being on Monday and Wednesday when the students are released at 1:30pm on Fridays. After discussion, Wade and Amy said between the two of them they could cover open gym on Fridays from 1:30pm to 3:30pm through the winter months. Polkinghorn then left the meeting.

Under unfinished or deferred business, Osterday asked if any progress had been made on the tree root issue at the park behind Piggly Wiggly. Berget replied that 9 inches of mulch would need to be added in the spring to take care of the problem. Committee members then informed Berget that there are funds available through the Darlington Community Foundation for work performed at that specific park. Berget will contact Linda Gebhardt when funds are needed. Osterday reported that the signs at Lindstrom Field have been installed but that landscaping around those signs will need to be taken care of in the spring. Posts were donated from Nodolf Lumber. Osterday made a donation to Belmont Schools for the work done on the signs.

Under new business, Roger Schamberger, from Burbach Aquatics, described the process the company goes through when looking at pool repairs or updates. The first step would be a technical evaluation at a cost of \$1,950.00. The evaluation would include a 32 category look at the current pool. No action was taken at this point.

Amy Prine presented a proposal to purchase a new stair climber. The cost breakdown would be; equipment \$4,995.00, installation \$250.00, shipping \$250.00, discount \$500.00. There would be a one year warranty. The funds would come from this year's budget. After discussion and consideration, motion by Wolfe second by Ringen to accept Amy's recommendation as presented and recommend approval to the City Council. Motion carried.

Amy Prine indicated that she has been contacted by several businesses in regards to discounts for corporations. After discussion, the committee decided any policy would need to be consistent and in writing. The issue will be looked at in the future. Committee members were encouraged to consider aspects to be implemented into a policy.

Amy Prine then brought up the possible discontinuation of the Les Mills Program. After discussion and consideration, Prine was instructed to look into the status of our contract with the program.

Amy Prine then presented a review of the membership numbers. Membership is holding steady. Prine was instructed to put an ad in the Republican Journal encouraging people to purchase a membership as a gift idea for the holidays. Berget reported that youth girls volleyball wrapped up last week and youth basketball programs would be starting on December 2nd.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sturtz second by Ringen to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. Motion carried.

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Robin Steiner, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer