

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Don Osterday at 6:30 PM. Present at roll were: Don Osterday, Aaron Wolfe, Jill Ringen, Stuart Vamstad, Mary Jane Sturtz and Scott Heinberg (arrived at 6:35). Excused absence: Pat Hardyman. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, John Sonsalla, Tony Ruesga, Steve Winslow, Wade Berget, Amy Prine (arrived at 6:50), and Robin Steiner.

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

Under questions from citizens, Osterday brought up the open gym times for this winter. Osterday stated that there had been inquiry as to why the gym is only open on Tuesday and Thursday. Berget informed the committee the schedule was due to family conflicts.

Discussion was then held concerning the purchase of a Kubota Tractor to be shared with the maintenance department. The current tractor is 10 years old and having issues with the transmission slipping. Ritchie's Implement in Darlington gave a quote of \$20,895.00 for the new tractor with a broom and loader bucket. The quote reflects a trade-in for the current tractor and broom of \$8,500.00. Berget is requesting \$10,000.00 from the camping outlay to go toward the purchase with the remainder coming from the maintenance budget. After discussion and consideration, motion by Vamstad, second by Sturtz to go ahead with the tractor purchase and finance as discussed. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the Main Street/Chamber's request to name the portion of the walking trail from Main Street east to the Cheese Country Trail "Suzi's Way" in honor of Suzi Osterday and her many years of service to the Darlington community. Steve Winslow and Tony Ruesga were present to make the request and answer any questions. The sign would be made red/black or red/white in color so as not to confuse users that the trail is for motorized use. The sign would be approximately the size of a street sign. Winslow and Ruesga stated that they would bring a sample of the sign for approval before purchase and installation. After discussion and consideration, motion by Heinberg, second by Sturtz to accept the recommendation from the Darlington Chamber/Main Street Board and recommend to the Council the approval of their request to name a portion of the walking trail "Suzi's Way". By Voice Vote: Ayes: Heinberg, Wolfe, Ringen and Sturtz. Nays: None. Abstained: Osterday and Vamstad. Winslow and Ruesga then left the meeting.

Amy Prine then asked for membership pricing to be addressed. Some of the questions being asked: Do we need to increase the price and when do children come off the family membership and need their own? After discussion, the committee decided to table any action

until late summer or early fall to provide members enough notice of any changes that could be made.

The Silver Sneakers program was discussed briefly. WPS insurance has dropped the program and is involved with another program similar to Silver Sneakers. The committee instructed Prine to go ahead with adding the new program.

Wade Berget then reported on information he had found on the last resurface of the Sieg Field basketball courts. Berget stated the court was resurfaced last in 2010 at a cost of \$8,960.00. Berget also gave an update on the rec basketball program numbers. Berget said there were 45 boys and 37 girls out for basketball this year with 23 high school students coaching the various teams.

Amy Prine then distributed a handout to those present listing Wellness Center memberships.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Sturtz, second by Wolfe to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Motion carried.

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Robin Steiner, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer