

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Don Osterday at 6:30 PM. Present at roll call were: Don Osterday, Scott Heinberg, Gary Ringen and Candi Fitzsimons. Excused absence: Joe Boll, Pat Hardyman and Stuart Vamstad. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, John Sonsalla, Doug Lindstrom, Tom Ingwell and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under comments from citizens present, John Sonsalla asked if the Wellness Center entrance card reader could be moved from its current location on the north side of the Municipal Building, to one of the north side gym doors. It was explained the current location was selected to allow Wellness Center member's easier access to the Wellness Center, if something was going on in the gym.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning proposed 2010 Park and Recreation Fees. A copy of the fee schedule was included in the agenda packet. Doug Lindstrom explained he increased the fees approximately 3.5%. After discussion and consideration, motion by Ringen second by Fitzsimons to recommend to the Council the approval of the 2010 Park and Recreation Fees including the current fees charged for dance classes. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning proposed 2010 summer employment wages. A copy of the wage schedule was included in the agenda packet. Doug Lindstrom reported changes were made to the wage schedule based on the increase in the minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour. After discussion and consideration, motion by Fitzsimons second by Heinberg to recommend to the Council the approval of the 2010 summer employment wages as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the proposed 2010 summer employment advertisement. A copy of the proposed advertisement was included in the agenda packet. After discussion and consideration, motion by Ringen second by Heinberg to recommend to the Council the approval of the 2010 summer employment advertisement as presented, and placement of the advertisement in the Republican Journal. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the proposed 2010 renewal of the Shape.net software for the Wellness Center. Tom Ingwell reported this would be the third year for using this software, and the renewal cost is \$3,900.00. It was also reported these funds would be taken from funds donated by Ervin Johnson for this expenses. After discussion and consideration, motion by Heinberg second by Fitzsimons to recommend to the Council the renewal of the Shape.net software for the Wellness Center as presented. Motion carried.

Tom Ingwell then updated the committee on Wellness Center memberships and operations. He distributed handout at the meeting showing total memberships; membership types; check-in activity and membership age groups. Discussion was then held concerning busy times, basketball leagues, 24 hour service, gym use and installation of motion switches on the lights, etc. Tom stated overall the Wellness Center operation is going very well.

Discussion was then held concerning short and long range plans for equipment upgrades at the Wellness Center. Tom stated he was considering replacement of some equipment in 2010 and 2011. The decisions need to be based on age of the machine and how much use it has received. He also stated the weight equipment machines are now twelve years old, and are showing wear on the padding and cables. Cost estimates to replace the weight equipment are \$27,000 to \$40,000 depending on the type of equipment you purchase. Tom also stated he plans on painting one of the weight rooms. Doug Lindstrom and John Sonsalla then left the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Chairman Osterday asked Tom Ingwell if any additional thought had been given to expansion of the Wellness Center into the gym balcony. Tom stated the free weights could be moved into that area, but no plans have been made to do so.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Fitzsimons second by Heinberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer