

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 26, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Breunig, due to the excused absence of Committee Chairman Don Osterday, at 6:30 PM. Present at roll call were: Mayor Breunig, Aaron Wolfe, Scott Heinberg and Pat Hardyman. Excused absence: Don Osterday, Gary Ringen, Amber Wilson and Stuart Vamstad. Also present were: John Sonsalla, Doug Lindstrom, Amy Prine and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under unfinished business, Doug Lindstrom updated those present on the restroom construction project in Swimming Pool Park. The City Council awarded the contract to Brunkow Construction, in the amount of \$89,000.00. Doug reported the contract documents have been prepared by representatives of Delta 3 Engineering, and submitted to the City for review. The contracts have been reviewed and approved by Attorney McDaniel and City representatives. Mayor Breunig has signed the contracts, and Steve Brunkow has been given his copy of the contract. Doug then stated the work will begin when the frost leaves the ground. The project completion date is June 6, 2014, weather permitting.

Doug Lindstrom then updated those present concerning the proposed gym usage for a dance group on Saturday nights. Doug stated this group is looking for somewhere else to meet. Mayor Breunig added the group is seeking permission from the motel to use one of their rooms.

Discussion was then held concerning a Wellness Center membership handout. Doug Lindstrom distributed a handout at this meeting, listing the current number of Wellness Center members in each membership type. This report will be presented monthly to this Committee. Membership numbers continue to increase for the months of February and March.

Under other unfinished business, Mayor Breunig brought up the concern of Wellness Center members playing soccer in the gym. It was reported the past couple Friday mornings, the gym was found with trash all over, and black marks on the floor. It was also reported soccer was played in the gym the nights before. It was also suspected that some Wellness Center members were allowing non-members access to the gym. After discussions with Don Osterday, and Mayor Breunig, it was decided to post notices on the gym doors that soccer playing is no longer allowed in the gym. Several Committee members agreed with this decision, and suggested a formal policy should be adopted by this Committee stating the same. The matter will be placed on the next meeting agenda for this Committee.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning what to do with the pool table from the game room. Doug Lindstrom explained the pool table was donated to the City over thirty years ago by the Darlington Community Youth organization. The pool table is not in very good shape, but is a slate table. Doug suggested signs could be placed in the Wellness Center area, offering the pool table for the best offer. A two week time frame to accept offers was considered sufficient. After discussion and consideration, motion by Heinberg second by Hardyman to authorize the sale of the pool table from the game room for the best offer, after a two week posting. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the hiring of summer employees for the Swimming Pool, Parks, Recreation Program, Zumba Instructor and Concession Stand. A copy of the list of job applicants was included in the agenda packet. Doug Lindstrom present the information and answered questions concerning the applicants. After discussion and consideration, motion by Hardyman second by Wolfe to recommend to the Council the hiring of the following summer employees for the following positions:

- **Swimming Pool** – Abigail Merriam, Manager; Jacke Johnson, Assistant Manager; Meghan Vieth, Payton Steiner, Jason Singer, Ben Muhlstein, Blake Cwynar, Jaci Moseley, Chloe Hinderman, Abby Carlson, Hope Robiolio, Shannon McDaniel and Molly McDaniel, Lifeguards.
- **Parks** – Jim Polkinghorn and Charlie North (Already approved by City Council at 3-18-14 Council meeting), and Jerry Douglas.
- **Recreation** – John Sturtz, Jordan Heinberg, Brandon Hardyman and Griffin Heinberg.
- **Zumba Instructor** – Michelle Lindstrom.
- **Concession Stand** – None.

Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning pool employee lifeguard class cost reimbursement policy. Doug Lindstrom state our current policy is reimburse lifeguard employees one third of the cost of their lifeguard class at the end of each year they work for the City. However, the Red Cross has now changed the lifeguard certificate to a two year term. So to be fair to the employee, the cost of the class should now be reimbursed over two years instead of three years. After discussion and consideration, motion by Hardyman second by Heinberg to approve the change in reimbursement plan from three years to two years as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the proposed 2014 summer brochure and approval to send same to printers. Doug Lindstrom stated the 2014 summer brochure is put together and is ready to send to the printers. He reported on some program changes for this summer. A copy of the summer brochure was available for review at this meeting. After discussion and consideration, motion by Wolfe second by Heinberg to recommend to the Council the approval and printing of the 2014 summer program brochure as presented. Motion carried.

Amy Prine then update those present on Wellness Center programs. She stated overall things are going very well at the Wellness Center. Morning classes and spinning classes are well attended; and as stated earlier the number of memberships continue to increase.

However, the Wednesday night and Sunday night classes were cancelled due to poor attendance. She also reported two other treadmills are having mechanical problems similar to the treadmill recently replaced. Doug Lindstrom then reported the women's volleyball season has six weeks left; and the Saturday basketball season has ended. Doug also stated he is now seeking participants for the soccer program. Amy and Doug also answered questions from those present regarding the recreation and wellness center programs.

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

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer