

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 29, 2009

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

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

Under comments from citizens present, Mayor Breunig reported on a change in membership on this committee. Mayor Breunig stated he replaced Ron Schwartz with Stuart Vamstad. He then thanked Ron Schwartz for his many years of service on this committee, and welcomed Stuart Vamstad back to this committee.

Under unfinished business, Doug Lindstrom updated those present on the swimming pool drain upgrade project. Doug distributed a handout at this meeting which included a conditional approval letter from the State of Wisconsin, and copies of the remodeling plans for the swimming pool and wading pool. Doug then stated he has sent the plans and request for proposal to three pool firms for bids on this project. The cost of remodeling will be paid from the pool outlay account. The remodeling work will be done in the fall after the pool is closed or next spring, depending on how busy the successful bidder is. Doug also reported he is cleaning and scrubbing the pool. Some areas of the pool need painting including the deep end. Only a minimum amount of painting will be done this spring, as the entire pool will need to be repainted after the remodeling work is completed.

Doug Lindstrom then updated the committee on the Lions Club shelter house replacement project at Black Bridge Park. Doug stated the old concrete slab has been removed in preparation for this project. A new concrete slab will be poured, and shelter house constructed as previously approved. Representatives of the Lions Club will handle all aspects of this project.

Under other unfinished business, Mayor Breunig and Doug Lindstrom then reported on the location of a new walking bridge in Black Bridge Park. It was reported the bridge group contracted with an engineering firm to find an acceptable location for the new bridge. It was determined if the bridge is relocated eighty feet closer to Hwy. 23, then representatives of the DNR will approve the new bridge placement. Doug Lindstrom then stated upon receipt of DNR approval, the matter will be taken to the City Council for their approval.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the summer Kid's Fitness program, as no one applied for the instructor position. Doug Lindstrom reported he re-advertised for instructors for this program, but did not receive any new applications. He also talked with the two instructors from last year, and they both said no for this year. Doug's recommendation is to cancel the Kid's Fitness program classes for this year.

Doug then explained this class is for Pre-K kids thru 2nd Grade. They meet for 55 minutes five days a week for two weeks. Last year there were approximately 45 to 48 kids total in both two week sessions. Scott Heinberg asked Doug if he asked Tom Ingwell if he would teach the class. Doug said Tom has his own programs for the summer, but he would ask him. After discussion and consideration, motion by Ringen second by Heinberg to discontinue the Kid's Fitness program for the 2009 summer season, due to lack of instructors for the class. Motion carried.

Doug Lindstrom then reported on the following Recreation and Wellness Center programs and projects:

- Pony League baseball has started, and there are twenty kids involved in the program.
- The soccer program is up and running, with eight teams total.
- The campground is open, along with the restroom/shower building and RV dump station. Last weekend 28 campers used the campground. Doug was asked if any new campsites will be added this year. Doug stated he is holding off on spending the money to set up new campsites, until the restroom/shower building ramp issue is settled with the Historical Society. Doug stated there is room for 8 to 10 new campsites with electricity.
- The Lions Shelter house at Riverside Park is being re-roofed.
- The concrete blocks separating the men's and women's restroom at Riverside Park is falling down and will be replaced with a vinyl partition.
- A wall was replaced in the barn in the Swimming Pool Park.
- The Wellness Center dance recital will be held mid May.
- Tom Ingwell would like to hire a summer intern, and install motion detector light switches in the locker rooms and back hallways.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Vamstad second by Fitzsimons to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer