

## **PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JULY 28, 2010**

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

Chairman Osterday then welcomed Mary Jo Finkenbinder to the Park and Recreation Committee. She recently replaced Joe Boll as the Darlington School Board representative on this committee.

Motion by Hardyman second by Fitzsimons that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Fitzsimons second by Hardyman to amend the previous meeting minutes regarding maintenance of Wellness Center machines. Motion carried. Motion by Hardyman second by Finkenbinder to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Under comments from citizens present, Mayor Breunig expressed his thanks to Joe Boll for his years of service to the Park and Recreation Committee. Chairman Osterday and others also expressed their thanks.

Under unfinished business, Doug Lindstrom updated those present on the recent storm damage and proposed repair work on the upper shelter house at Swimming Pool Park. Doug reported the shelter house roof was damaged during the storm; and there were several tree branches down in all the parks. Insurance funds were received for building damage and cleanup expenses. The shelter house roof repair plan was taken to the City Council, since we did not have a quorum for a June meeting of this committee. The Council approved the installation of a new metal roof on the upper shelter house. Materials were purchased, and the new roof will be installed by city employees next week.

Under other old business, Chairman Osterday reported on the following:

- Swimming pool deck expansion. Chairman Osterday stated he has had several persons contact him about the possibility of expanding of the pool deck to the north, to allow for an area for sunbathing and placement of pool chairs. Doug Lindstrom reported this idea was investigated in 2006. At that time a 20' X 48' deck expansion was considered at an installation cost of \$11,280.00. Doug was then asked to get an updated price for the next budget cycle. Doug also stated he has a leak in the water line for the pool. Representatives of Badger Swimpools will be here after the pool closes to find the leak. If the leak is on the north side of the pool, it may be a good time to do the deck expansion project.
- Ritter Funds. Chairman Osterday reported he had a chance to talk with Judge Johnston regarding the expenditure of Ritter Funds for equipment for the Wellness Center. Judge Johnston stated Ritter Fund principal can be spent if needed. He also stated he understood the proposed pool addition to the Wellness Center had been dismissed, as it was not economically feasible to operate a pool with the Wellness Center. Chairman Osterday stated he talked with Mayor Breunig about creating a Wellness Center equipment replacement outlay account in next year's budget. Mayor Breunig expressed concerns about that, due to the economic restrictions the City is under. Chairman Osterday also instructed Doug Lindstrom to work with Tom Ingwell on a proposal to raise membership fees for next year.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning bids received for seal coating of the walking trail. Doug Lindstrom stated two bids were received for this work. One was from Midwest Sealcoat, LLC in the amount of \$4,300.00. The second bid was from Barry King Jr., in the amount of \$5,836.25. Doug stated one difference in the bids was Barry King included grass trimming along the edge of the trail and in the cracks, before applying the sealant. Another difference noted was Midwest Sealcoat, LLC will apply two sprayed on coats; and Mr. King will be brushing on one coat. Midwest Sealcoat includes the re-striping of the center line on the trail, and Mr. King did not. After discussion and consideration, motion by Hardyman second by Fitzsimons to recommend to the Council the acceptance of the bid submitted by Midwest Sealcoat, LLC in the amount of \$4,300.00 for seal coating of the walking trail. Motion carried.

Doug Lindstrom then updated those present on the participation in the summer recreation program. Doug reported an increase in swimming lessons given; but a decrease in swimming pool usage. There has been a decrease in family and other pool passes sold the past couple years. The baseball programs have seen a similar number of participants the past few years. The baseball program and softball program will be ending the first week in August. The Kid's Fitness program is also done for the season. Doug stated the summer programs all went well.

Mayor Breunig then asked about camping fee revenue compared to last year. Doug Lindstrom reported 2010 camping fee revenue is approximately \$1,700 higher than last year at this time. Mayor Breunig then thanked Doug Lindstrom and Jim Polkinghorn for their extra work this past Saturday due to the rising river waters. Fortunately the river did not get as high as earlier predicted.

Tom Ingwell did not attend the meeting, so there was no update given on Wellness Center operations.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Hardyman second by Finkenbinder to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer