

## **PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 25, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Don Osterday at 6:00 PM. Present at roll call were: Don Osterday, Aaron Wolfe, Scott Heinberg, Gary Ringen, Stuart Vamstad and Pat Hardyman. Excused Absence: Amber Wilson. Also present were: Doug Lindstrom, Amy Prine, Angela Innerst, Christin Michaela Kirschnek and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under unfinished business, discussion was held concerning the hiring of a Hip Hop instructor for dance class. Amy Prine then introduced Christin Kirschnek to those present. Christin is a foreign exchange student, who is interested in teaching the Hip Hop dance class this season. Christin is living with the Brad and Angela Innerst family in Darlington. She has been participating in Abby McKillip's dance classes over the past few weeks. Amy distributed a letter from Abby McKillip to Committee members, recommending Christin for this position. Amy stated Christin will be supervised by Abby and herself, and she is not allowed to be paid for her time. After discussion and consideration, motion by Ringen second by Hardyman to recommend to the Council the hiring of Christen Kirschnek as Hip Hop instructor for dance class. Motion carried. Angela Innerst then left the meeting.

Under other unfinished business, Chairman Osterday updated Committee members on the restroom project. He stated the bids were received and reviewed by the City Council. Two bids were received, and both bids were higher than the engineer's estimate for the construction costs. Therefore the Council decided to reject all the bids, and re-advertise the restroom project again in February, 2014.

Scott Heinberg then asked about the light installation project in Veterans Memorial Park and Library Park. He asked why the project wasn't presented to this committee prior to project approval. It was reported the project went directly through the City Council. The entire cost for the project is being donated by a former Darlington resident, who wishes to remain anonymous.

Under new business, discussion was held concerning the purchase of a new sweeper broom for the Kubota tractor from Ritchie's. A copy of the proposal from Ritchie's was included in the agenda packet. The trade in cost for this purchase is \$5,250.00. After discussion and consideration, motion by Heinberg second by Vamstad to recommend to the Council the approval of the purchase of a new sweeper broom for the Kubota tractor from Ritchie's as presented. Motion carried. John Sonsalla and Dave Gough arrived at 6:15 PM.

Discussion was then held concerning a request from the Hispanic soccer players to hold a fall/winter soccer league in the Municipal Building gym on Sundays from Noon to 5:00 PM. Doug Lindstrom and Amy Prine both stated they were not in favor of this request, as it would take away from Wellness Center members. Several committee members also stated they were not in favor of this request. After discussion and consideration, motion by Hardyman second by Heinberg to deny the request from the Hispanic soccer players to hold a fall/winter soccer league in the Municipal Building gym as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held concerning the proposed 2014 Park and Recreation budget. A copy of the proposed budget was included in the agenda packet. An updated version of the proposed budget was distributed to those present at this meeting. The updated version included actual health insurance premium numbers recently received from Department of Employee Trust Funds. The proposed budget calls for total revenues of \$149,100.00 and total expenses of \$326,005.00. Total 2014 expenses are \$6,426.00 higher than 2013 expenses, a 2.01% increase. In addition, the following outlay requests were made: Swimming Pool Outlay - \$10,000.00 and Parks Outlay - \$30,000.00. Bev Anderson arrived at 6:35 PM.

Doug Lindstrom presented the budget information and answered questions from those present. Chairman Osterday asked when the Committee will be presented the proposed fees and memberships the Park and Recreation Department will charge for their services. Doug explained the fee schedule will be presented at the next meeting of this Committee. Chairman Osterday then stated he feels the Wellness Center needs to make changes so the Wellness Center operations break even. He feels membership fees need to be increased to generate more income. It was the consensus of those present to review membership fees and payment schedules at the next Committee meeting.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Ringen second by Vamstad to recommend the 2014 Park and Recreation budget to the City Council for approval as presented. Motion carried. Bill McDaniel arrived at the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Amy Prine then updated those present on Wellness Center programs and operations. And Doug Lindstrom updated those present on current recreation programs and parks projects.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Wolfe second by Heinberg to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer