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PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

September 3, 2015

Horn Park

4:03 PM

CALL TO ORDER: AL Ebert called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present were: Dawn Dietrich, Joe Behnke, Al Ebert, Mark Rajkovich (arriving at 4:07 PM) and Alderperson Bob Brick, Also present were Recreation Director/Aquatic Coordinator Ann Marx. Absent were Andy Geiger, Dennis Miller, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Lori Gosz and Mayor Gary Deiter.

GUESTS:

Jules Clausing, Carol Clausing and Peter Larson.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion –Behnke moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Ebert. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 6, 2015:

Not approved because minutes had not been attached to agenda.

CHARIMAN’S REPORT:

None.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

A. Community Center

1. Facility Reports:

Marx distributed the monthly usage comparison for the commission to view. The numbers are up from 2014 by 196 daily users for the month.

2. Budgets Review:

The Commission reviewed the proposed 2016 budget. Marx stated the only increases for next year are in the area of wages. Under Recreation there is an increase in the Independent Contractors – this is due to more umpers needed for the softball and baseball programs and hosting the Little League and Pony Tournaments next summer.

3. Wall and Landscape:

A discussion on the wall with the Clausing’s. They wanted to know why it is coming down and were curious if there was a concern with the weather/elements.

Motion- Behnke moved to take down the wall with little to no bother to the existing building and to send it to council for approval. Second by Rajkovich. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Aquatic:

1. Patron Comparison Report

The Commission reviewed the monthly patron comparison for August. 2015 is up 29 participants from 2014.

C. Recreation

1. Programs/Instructors:

Belly Dancing will start on Tuesday nights with both classes for youth and adults.

The BCC is looking for instructors for new programs and existing programs just like many other Recreation Departments in the area.

C. Parks:

1. Horn Park Road Post Removal

The Commission discussed removing the road posts around the park.

Motion- Rajkovich moved to remove the posts from the entrance to the sign for the disc golf course on the eastside of the park and from after the parking by the concession to the road on the exit side. Second by Dietrich. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Baseball Field

The Commission would like to start looking at the possibility of adding a Little League field to Peters Park. There are grants available. East Central Planning as part of some their free services can help with the design process. Lori Gosz has submitted a request to East Central for 2016.

3. Removable Outfield Fence for Heritage

Marx is looking into the possibility of a portable outfield fence for Heritage Park. With hosting the Little League Tournament and many of the games will need to be played at Heritage where there is no outfield fence. If the baseball program continues to grow, more and more games will have to be played at Heritage since there is only one field at Peters presently.

4. Horn Park Rental – Request for Bonfire- Trinity Lutheran Church

Pete Larson from Trinity Lutheran Church mentioned that it was not a bonfire they wanted, but they want to bring in 2-3 portable back yard fire pits for their Church gathering when they rent the park.

Motion-Behnke moved to approve the portable fire pits for the camp fires at Horn Park. Second by Ebert. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Old Business:

A thank you to Al, Dennis and Terry for fixing the ceiling tiles in the men's bathroom and the bubbler at Peters Park.

8. New Business:

Next Park and Rec meeting will be Wednesday October 7th, 4:00 PM at the BCC.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion –Behnke moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rajkovich. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.

Dawn Dietrich

Park and Rec Commission Member

Ann Marx

Parks & Rec Director/Aquatic Coordinator