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PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Sept. 7, 2017

Peters Park

4:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL: Present were: Al Ebert, Joe Behnke, Sarah Pielhop, Dennis Miller, and Alderperson Vicki Shafran. Also present were Recreation Director/Aquatic Coordinator Ann Marx. Absent were Dawn Dietrich and Mark Rajkovich.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion – Behnke moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Pielhop. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 17, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion –Pielhop moved to approve the August 17, 2017 Special Meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission meeting. Seconded by Shafran. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

No Report.

VISITORS:

None

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

A. Community Center:

1. Facility Report:

The Commission reviewed the monthly user comparison. The number of scans is up 493 over last year in Aug.

2. BCC Improvements:

The Commission reviewed a list of upgrades for the entire BCC building that Marx had put together which will be used as a starting point for Keller.

Pielhop had an addition to the list to include looking at changing the doorway into the showers in the locker rooms.

3. WPS Grant-update:

The Grant is close to being completed. Meissner whom is writing the grant is just waiting for a few budget numbers from Keller and is hoping for a Sept. 29th submission date.

4. Arbor Day Trees:

Tabled

5. 2018 Budget:

The Park, Rec, Aquatics and BCC budget was not complete at the time of the meeting. The Public Works Director Geiger still needed to get some budget numbers to the City Administrator Gosz. There will be a special Park and Rec meeting in 2 weeks to review and discuss the 2018 budget.

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B. Aquatics:

1. Patron Comparison:

The Commission reviewed the pool numbers for Aug. 2017 vs 2016.

C. Recreation:

1. 2018 Baseball Program:

Marx explained the changes that will occur to the baseball program in 2018. The leagues will now go by grades instead of birth dates. Also the Rookie Ball program will change and become part of league with Stockbridge, Hilbert and Mishicot. The teams will play 8 games which include a tournament and instead of having a coach pitch they will use a machine.

The girls' softball program made an inquiry about playing their home games at Peters once the new field is in. Marx stated that we will have to see how many baseball games need to be played and if there will be room.

2. Special Event Programming Ideas:

The Commission discussed a variety of possible events and dates. As of now they are looking at having an event the weekend after Labor Day in 2018 and a possible Valentines event. This item will remain on the agenda for further discussion.

3. Equipment Update:

The new equipment was delivered and installed on Thur. Sept. 7th.

D. Parks:

1. Peters Park Improvements:

Marx reviewed how the figure of \$90,000.00 came about for Peters Park. The Commission would like to possibly use some of the money towards the parking lot. The Commission would like the City to have a discussion with the School District about this issue.

There was a discussion about looking at the drainage for the new and existing ball fields. The main problem occurs when the pump station overflows at Peters and they pump the water into the parking lot instead of pumping it into the street. The Commission would like this practice looked at because they are pumping raw sewage water into the park and there could be some repercussions with health issues.

Behnke questioned if the sod that is being removed from the new baseball field project could be used anywhere else. Miller didn't think it would be of very good quality because it is fill from the Iron Works. They will look at it when construction starts.

2. Parking along Tesch St. update:

Marx reported that Public Works Director Geiger and Police Chief Mignon have had a discussion on this issue and one area they thought that parking could possibly go would be along the north side of Dutch Way. The Commission had some concerns with parking near the playground. The Commission would like to invite Geiger and Mignon to attend a meeting to discuss the issue.

E. Old Business:

No Report.

F: New Business:

The following items were brought to the Commission and will be put on the next agenda.

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- Pielhop would like the Commission to look at the ATV path from Hwy 10 to the ATV Park which runs on private property and to possibly have the path moved so it run from DPW to the Park.
- The Local Reading Council is working a service project and would like to have a free mini library/book exchange at the BCC.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion –Behnke moved to adjourn. Seconded by Shafran. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Ann Marx