

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MARCH 21, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lou Ann Watson, Beth Dickinson, Fred Busing, Brad Stokes, Ben Cumber, Renae Roberts, Caylin LePire

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Councilman Bundy; Recreation Superintendent Tiffany Belt; Parks Superintendent Miguel Pedroza

**TRANSCRIBER:** Amy Pearson

**MINUTES:**

Lou Ann Watson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2018 meeting. Ben Cumber seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Bee City USA Application and Resolution**

Council approved of applying to become a Bee City USA. Brad has ordered the signs and is going to purchase plants through his office budget. Mountain Home is the second city in Idaho to become a Bee City USA. Item closed.

**Spring Soccer Program**

There is a total of 325 kids playing soccer. This is approximately 100 fewer kids than in the fall. The spring offers more options for activities such as little league baseball and softball which may attribute to some of the difference. Overall, there is only a difference of approximately 50 kids from spring 2017. Tiffany thought some of this may also be because the new online registering system does not allow for registration fees to be paid in payments or charged on an account; rather they must all be paid up front. Carry forward.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Summer Programs**

There are 24 kids signed up for each day of Spring Break. Advertising has gone out for all spring and summer programs. Ben asked if we do STEM camps. Tiffany said that they have researched STEM camps and they wanted to partner with the one that was affiliated with the school last year, but to do that camp the people teaching have to be educators. Since they don't have those credentials, they are looking to help host or do different STEM camps. Ben said that he was talking to the Idaho STEM Action Foundation today and they have a lot of money available for STEM camps, all he has to do is write it up. Tiffany said that would be great. Ben will send her the information and they will work together on it. Brad wants to help work on STEM programs and can facilitate being the educator. Carry forward.

**Arbor Day Celebration – April 27, 2018**

The celebration will take place at 11:00 a.m. at Richard Aguirre Park. Beginning right at 11:00 the newspaper will be present to take photos as the proclamation is read. Idaho Power awarded the city a \$400 to purchase a tree to plant. They've also submitted for an Idaho Arbor Day tree planting grant that is approximately \$400. The city will find out on March 31<sup>st</sup> if these funds were awarded. Carry forward.

**GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION**

Beth asked for an update on the East Elementary track. Tiffany talked to Ryan Kuntz. As far as the city is concerned they will help as much as they can, such as raking gravel, but at this time it is not something that they can allow any funds for. While it's a needed project, one issue is that the target base would just be the population of East Elementary and at the benefit of those kids versus expanding it something more for the community such as having it in a park or somewhere else like that. Beth said that they planned on fundraising for the project, she just didn't know if they could help guide them on where to get sprinkler systems, etc. Tiffany will talk to Gene Palmer and Rich Urquidi and will email Beth.

Caylin has 52 girls signed up for softball and they've started practice at Optimist. Next week Parks are moving the porta potty closer, turning the water on and spraying weeds.

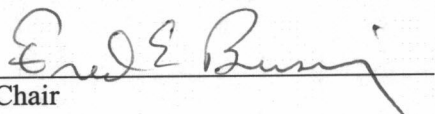
Tiffany wanted to clarify a statement made during the January 2018 meeting that said there were three children that fell off the slide in the last season. Tiffany clarified that it was two individuals on two different incidents and they fell off the ladder during the 2017 season. We are putting into place instructions and restrictions in the interim. There is no decision yet if we are removing the slide or not. Tiffany said one of the ideas they have thought of is potentially implementing a height restriction.

There will be a water bill insert in April and May and possibly another one in the summer. Then they will launch the biannual book for the fall which will contain late summer, fall and winter activities that will be mailed out.

Tiffany asked the committee if they would like Eagle Scouts to come to the meetings and present and propose their projects so that the committee can help decide what projects are carried out. She said that they can help give ideas of projects that are needed. The committee felt like it would be best if the Eagle Scout selected a particular project from a list, researched it and then did a ten minute presentation to the committee as that is an important part of an Eagle project. Tiffany said they are also going to utilize the application process that the City of Nampa is currently using.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Ben Cumber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Renae Robertson seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

  
Chair

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 18, 2018 MEETING**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Spring Soccer Programs  
Arbor Day Celebration – April 27, 2018

**NEW BUSINESS**

STEM Programs  
Swimming Pool  
Optimist Multi-Use Complex