

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

REPRESENTATIVES: Recreation Superintendent Tiffany Belt

TRANSCRIBER: Amy Pearson

MINUTES:

Brad Stokes made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2018 meeting. Lou Ann Watson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:

OLD BUSINESS

STEM Programs

Tiffany has been communicating with a gentleman who responded to the notice in the water bill seeking STEM educators. They are working on his instructor contract and when it is ready he would like to teach a coding class. The classes will be low key to begin with to ensure that it works well. The instructor hasn't decided if he would like to do a youth class or teach the 17-19 age range to start with. Tiffany is also researching the Lego Corporation for grant funding. Brad said that they are starting a Robotics Lego League in 4H. Carry forward.

Swimming Pool

Tiffany passed out a stat sheet for the 2018 swim season. Their new point of sale software has helped them tremendously in tracking revenue and expenditures. There were 807 registrations for regular swim lessons; 101 registrations for private swim lessons at \$50 per week; and 99 registrations for hydro aerobics. The swim team had 63 participants. Pool party reservations totaled \$5,809.10. They also started accepting credit and debit cards at the pool this year and parents loved having an additional payment option.

Tiffany said they have a few more things to winterize to prepare for winter, but that will all be done shortly. She also thinks that they may have the leak narrowed down to a skimmer basket return line and the other water departments will continue to work to locate and repair the leak. Carry forward.

Summer Programs

Adventure Camp was a huge success; however, they are already discussing ways that it can be improved in 2019 after recently taking webinar. They are considering doing more camps such as crazy critter week and offering a junior counselor program. Item closed until Spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Programs

- Parks and Recreation is teaming up with the high school to bring more team spirit back. They are doing 'Decorate Your Den' and helping with the bonfire for homecoming week.
- Spooktacular is coming up and if anyone is interested in being a costume judge, please contact Tiffany.

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- There are 400 kids playing soccer this fall.
- This year girls' basketball will be ran first followed by boys' basketball.
- They are getting the ski bus up and running.
- They are adding a little kids' cooking class this fall.
- The quarterly brochure will be mass mailed to everyone this time, not just city residents.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION

Tiffany had previously emailed out the Eagle Scout Project Submission form. Everyone reviewed it and liked it. Fred had one concern regarding the city possibly helping to fund projects. He said that it is a very important part of the process for the Eagle Scout to plan a budget and fundraise accordingly for the project. Fred expressed his desire to have the section removed where the city may possibly help fund the project. If a situation arose where the Eagle Scout had raised nearly all the funds, but fell just short of the goal, then they could approach the advisory committee and each request would be handled on a case-by-case basis. Tiffany said that she would make the changes accordingly. Fred also suggested Tiffany showing the submission form to the local Eagle Scout directors for their review.


Tiffany and Brad have already started planning Earth Day and Arbor Day 2019.

Fred said that he has noticed some pretty large messes in the parks after Friday and Saturday night events and asked how it is addressed. Tiffany said that typically the parks personnel cleans it on Monday morning. Fred wondered if there is a cleaning deposit. Tiffany said there is just a \$40 park rental fee and the only thing there is a deposit on is the permanent bathrooms. She said some renters are very clean and responsible while others are not. Fred wondered if it would be unreasonable to consider a cleaning deposit since the employees are busy enough and should not have to clean up after private parties. Tiffany said that she would look into it further.

Tiffany said that she would like to see a one-time scholarship award/program somehow formed for a graduate of Mountain Home High School in an effort to encourage continuing education. Fred's first thought that it would only be eligible for those that have contributed to the Parks and Recreation program or has been a participant of the programs at some point. He thought it would be a great way to encourage more participation. Tiffany asked the committee to think about what they would like to see.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, Brad Stokes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Cumber seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 P.M.


Chair

AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 17, 2018 MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

STEM Program
Swimming Pool
Fall Programs

NEW BUSINESS

Spooktacular

Winter Programs