

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2019, AT 6:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Renae Roberts

REPRESENTATIVES: Councilman Schipani; Recreation Superintendent Tiffany Belt

TRANSCRIBER: Amy Pearson

MINUTES:

Brad Stokes made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2018 meeting. Lou Ann Watson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

RECOGNIZE PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE:

OLD BUSINESS

Spooktacular

Spooktacular was a huge success. There were 60 different trunk or treat booths. Recreation alone gave out 705 pounds of candy and 5,000 miscellaneous toys such spider rings, fangs, glow sticks, etc. Mighty Munchkins was the community winner and the Mountain Home Police Department was the city department winner. They have already started brainstorming for next year's event and are trying to figure out the best way to keep the lines moving in one direction with a clear path. Item closed.

Winter Programs

- There were 72 girls in basketball which ran from November 1st to just before Christmas break. Boys basketball has started and there are 115 boys participating and their first game will be on the 19th.
- Recreation moved their early child learning building out of Richard Aguirre Park to the empty lot across the street near St. Luke's, 940 North 5th East Street.
- At the beginning of January they did an organized soccer open gym event that was a huge hit. They plan on hosting it once a month now.
- Walk and Run at Hacker, Step It Up and Zumba are also running at this time.
- Continuing daily with all regularly scheduled programs.
- Still waiting on the Community Health Improvement Fund grant through St. Luke's. They should hear something very soon.
- Winter McCall Trip is now full.
- Item closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Tobacco & Vape Free Parks

Fred is meeting with Alexis Pickering to further discuss this topic on January 16th if any other members would like to join. Councilman Schipani reminded members while discussing this matter to consider how this would be enforced before making a recommendation to council. Brad will try to meet with Alexis and Fred and then they will bring the information back to the next committee meeting. Carry forward.

Spring Programs

- They have the pool guide out already for the Spring.

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- Outdoor soccer will be a major program.
- They will be advertising seasonal employees shortly.
- Spring Break is completely planned.
- Planning for Adventure Camp is 75% completed.
- Doing all the prep work for Spring programs.
- T-Ball and Softball is already out and ready to be advertised.
- They are bringing journaling class back.
- CPR/First Aid.
- Recreation runs about 500-700 programs every year.
- There will be a more interactive community Arbor Day/Earth Day event this year.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION

There is a new dog park on South Main where the Animal Shelter used to be. This was a piece of property that was not being used for anything and it already had chain link fencing with gate to gate entry. The building was being used by the archery group and Optimist Ag, but they are moving to another location. This is not a temporary dog park, it will remain a dog park, but in the future there may be a bigger one or one at another location. There was a public contest to determine the name. They received 300 entries and the winning name will be announced to the public soon.

Parks has been working on redoing and building additional picnic tables. At the larger parks such as Legacy, Richard Aguirre and Carl Miller the picnic tables will stay on site. Before if there was a community event downtown they would have to move the tables around. Now that they have redone and built additional ones, they will be able to have permanent tables.


The restroom building at Little League is going to be painted, install new lighting, fixtures and flooring because they are hosting the state Little League tournament this year.

The park logos was one of Miguel's goals for 2018. They have all the signs done they just need to finish installing them in all the parks once the weather is better. Some of the larger parks have Google Earth maps on the back of them with activity indicators such as sand volleyball at Richard Aguirre Park showing the amenities within the park.

Brad has started the Master Gardener Program so he will have volunteers that will need to fulfill hours and he would like them to do it Parks and Recreation, the city, and Farmer's Market if possible.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the committee, Ben Cumber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Stokes seconded the motion. All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M.


Chair

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2019 MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

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Spring Programs

NEW BUSINESS

Parks Update

Arbor Day Event

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