

Minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

January 19, 2016

- A. **Wendy Ranney** called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm
- B. **ROLL CALL:**
 - In attendance:** Wendy Ranney, Karen Hallquist, Miriam Dunbar, Marvin Van Den Broek, Susie Herschleb, Heather Brannon, Randy Robertson, and Matt Andersen.
 - Absent:** Stephen Phillips, Kara Johnson, and Dave Zastrow.
- C. **Approval of Agenda:** M/ K. Hallquist to approve agenda, S/ M. Van Den Broek. V/Unanimous Approval.
- D. **Visitor Communication:**
 - Randy Robertson thanked the commissioners for their time. A spartan budget was passed by the city council, so Parks and Rec. will see some reductions.
- E. **Consent Calendar:** Minutes of 12-29-15. M/ M. Van Den Broek to approve. S/ K. Hallquist. V/Unanimous Approval.
- F. **Director's Report by S. Herschleb:**
 - 1. **4th Quarter Report** was provided to compare to past years. Program revenue is down, but revenue from Bidarki passes has been climbing steadily. The new equipment donated by Providence Health Services is the main reason for that. Skater's Cabin is also seeing increased rentals.
 - 2. **Odiak Camper Park** now has a 10% late fee, and campers will need to give one week notice before they leave, or else they will be charged for that time. Only one person still owes for 2015.
 - 3. **Bidarki** roof is leaking again. The holes are in the highest part of the roof which were not patched last time. Staff is continually checking the bad areas, and when weather allows more repairs will be done. Crash pads have been ordered for the gym, and new donation collection boxes are being installed for fundraising efforts.
 - 4. **Nirvana Park--** harvested logs are being stored to keep them dry, and they will be used for benches in the park.
 - 5. **Youth Basketball—**5th & 6th grade teams have been playing under the direction of S. Herschleb, temp. employee Jake Borst, and volunteer coaches. They will have their championship games during the Tip-off Tournament. 61 hours of volunteer time has been put in by the coaches. The 7th & 8th grade program will be starting soon.
 - 6. **Shelter Cove--** W. Ranney wondered if the campsites are being rented now, because she has been seeing people there in the evening. H. Brannon said that they were not, and S. Herschleb added that little policing has been done lately.
- G. **Unfinished Business:**
 - 1. **Swimming Pool—**Commissioners were provided with 2 pool schedules, one for \$35,000 cost, and the other for \$25,000, to try to stay closer to budget. The lesser one has no lifeguards in the morning because there is only lap swim. Tot Swim was also shortened to one hour per session. M. Van Den Broek wondered if another Tot Swim could be added. 2 Lifeguards are needed for Tot Swim, and 2 Lifeguards plus another person to man the desk are needed for Open Swim. The public will complain about cuts to schedule. S. Herschleb feels budget shortfalls could be addressed through fundraising, including finding corporate sponsors. K. Hallquist asked how sponsors can give money to the pool. H. Brannon explained that the Parks & Rec department sends out letters asking for donations. W. Ranney asked whether parents should stay with children during Open Swim. S. Herschleb isn't sure what the current policy is. W. Ranney suggested that seasonal schedule changes could save money.

2. **Dressed To Kill** event will be on April 16, the same day as the Health Fair. The Facebook page has already been updated, and will continue to do so. This year the DTK fundraising will be for Open Swim and Tot Swim. The theme will be "Adventures in Wonderland". The Reluctant Fisherman will once again provide the venue for DTK.

H. **New Business**

Pump Track Celebration—still need to come up with ideas for this event.

I. **Pending Agenda:**

Swimming Pool schedule will continue to be discussed.

J. **Commission Comments**

M. Van Den Broek noted that it is hard to find ways to cut the budget without hurting services. W. Ranney feels that the Parks and Rec staff is doing a great job providing programming. S. Herschleb said that Iceworm sweatshirts have been purchased to sell during the festival. They are expecting 4 local basketball teams, 8 for volleyball, and 5 for dodge ball. M. Andersen asked how donations can be given to Parks & Rec to make them tax deductible. S. Herschleb suggested that CAYAK could be the non-profit organization to receive the donations.

- K. **Adjournment:** M to adjourn/ Karen Hallquist, S/ M. Van Den Broek.
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Miriam Dunbar, Secretary