

Minutes

October 20th, 2014

6:00 pm Library Meeting Room

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

- A. **Kara Johnson** calls the meeting to order at 6:05 PM
- B. **Roll Call:** In Attendance: Karen Hallquist, Kara Johnson, Marvin VanDenBroek, David Zastrow, Miriam Dunbar, and Susie Herschleb.
Absent: Steve Barnes, Wendy Ranney
- C. **Approve Agenda:**
Motion to approve/**Hallquist, S/VanDenBroek, V/Unanimous, Approved**
- D. **Communication by Visitors:** None
- E. **Consent Calendar:** Motion to Approve/**VanDenBroek, S/Hallquist, V/Unanimous, Approved**
 - 1. **10/20/14 Minutes, Approved**
- F. **Reports:** 1) Directors Report.

No questions for the directors report. **Herschleb** states that the list of bullet points in the directors report are a compilation of things we have accomplished since our last meeting in April. **Herschleb** attended training at the Alaska Parks & Recreation Association Conference held in Fairbanks and attached a recap to the director's report. Nathan Bemo from American Ramp Company came to town and held a great meeting. **Herschleb** states that we are aiming to pour a 4 inch slab of concrete, have skate features in the middle, and a pump track that goes around the whole outside of it. What we did learn at the meeting is that the pump track does not need to be on concrete. Mr. Bemo walked the space and said that we can put a pump track on the land as is. He will now go back to the drawing board and create three different designs each with different price tags. He will then produce a blueprint and video that we can present to a grantor. **Johnson** said that the woods below the tot lot that lead down to the wetlands are littered and unsafe. She would be interested in ideas around cleaning up the area and making a path that leads to a sitting area. **Herschleb** replies, within our conversations updating the master plan we did touch on that, but it might be a good idea to add language into the master plan that would be specific to the things you would like to see in that area. **Herschleb** said that 5th and 6th grade basketball is up and running, we have had two games so far, we had a good turn out and they were really fun to watch.

Third Quarter Report: **Johnson** states we almost doubled our revenue compared to last year. **Herschleb** said that we have more money in from Odiak than we did last year, we have been pretty strong with the Odiak tenants telling them that we need to receive payment by December 31st or they will not be able to reserve their space for next year. Programs are

bringing in more money more consistently. Passes are flat except for September, normally the third quarter would come in flat but the seasonal passes are a really good deal for seasonal residents and fisherman, and the \$10.00 drop ins are coming in strong as well. Having Paul Voz here consistently has helped, we are running a really nice cardio fitness program that a lot of people can utilize. **Herschleb** states that **VanDenBroek** requested an extra tot swim per week & we were able to implement that right away. **Hallquist** reported that there were 25 families at the new Monday tot swim. An additional tot swim per week is discussed. **Herschleb** states that she would be happy to look at the data and see where to best implement it.

Herschleb said that we will be scheduling a special meeting to discuss budget and fee schedule details. **Herschleb** said that the card swipe system is installed and we are working out the kinks. We plan to start using the new system in November during our annual discount month.

Hallquist suggests getting the remainder of the tot lot plaques up at the Noel Pallas Children's Memorial Park.

G. Correspondence:

H. Unfinished Business:

I. New Business:

1. Vote on a new chair

Chair nominations: Kara Johnson, Karen Hallquist

V/ Kara Johnson: 4

V/ Karen Hallquist: 1

Kara Johnson is the new Parks and Recreation Commission Chair

J. Pending Agenda:

K. Commission Comments:

Dave Zastrow gives a trail subcommittee report. **Zastrow** said that the state from time to time gives funding through the Alaska Department of Natural Resources through the division of parks & outdoor recreation, there is a deadline of November 15th for project proposals. **Herschleb** asks if there is a priority list that you would like to see happen with this grant application. **Zastrow** replies, to complete what has been started on the Eyak Mountain Trail, second priority is the Ski Hill / Crater Lake connecting trail. There is a huge amount of interest in a Scout Lake trail, but that primarily would reside on National Forest land.

L. Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 pm