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Minutes

October 22, 2013

5:30pm Library Meeting Room

Parks and Recreation Workshop

Pool Rules and Policies

- A. **Carpenter** calls the meeting to order, 5:40 pm.
- B. **Roll Call:** In Attendance: Steve Barnes (via telephone), Karen Hallquist, Kara Johnson, Kristen Carpenter, Shelly Bourgeois, Parks and Rec Director Susie Herschleb and Admin Assistant Jim Fritsch
- C. **Approve Agenda:** Approved
- D. **Discussion – Herschleb** opens stating we are an advisory commission; we will not be addressing any personnel issues, but will address issues brought up at the last meeting concerning some of the pools policies. She wants to express that there is always an open door for communication and feedback. We want to gather information and be proactive and productive. **Carpenter** states that since not many people showed up for this meeting that she will keep it as an informal discussion. **Bourgeois** states that many of the parents who stated concerns did not show up. **Beth Pirtle**, a lifeguard at the pool, states she is present to listen to what people have to say. One of her concerns is having a 15 -18 year old guardian non-swimmer there with non-swimmer children. *Non Swimmer – unable to cross the length of the pool without touching the sides or bottom of the pool.* She adds that guests can become frustrated by the long list of rules from entering the facility to entering the pool and then having to clear the water in the middle of an open swim to conduct swim tests.

Following are some of the suggestions for consideration –

- Condense and simplify rules being handed out to the public.
- Shallow End Test to consist of swimming the width of the pool and back along the line without touching.
- Create an e-mail list including Coast Guard housing to help keep an open line of communication.
- Have an open house and schedule times for swim tests with positive reinforcement. Try not to disrupt open swims with swim tests.
- Have comfortable approved life vests available for non-swimmers. Kara Johnson will send link to American Seafood's grant.
- Continue lifeguard training. Make it easier for them to communicate the rules, allowing them some discretion. **Randy Robertson** states that we are a nautical community and we must be practical. It is getting more difficult to run pools every year.
- Create opportunities to have fun. Activities such as water volleyball, basketball, water polo and additional exercise classes.

- Video available for guests to see testing requirements and demonstrations of swimming rules. Display in lobby.

E. Pending Agenda:

- 1) Regular meeting 11/19/13

F. Commission Comments: Hallquist likes that the meat locker sheets have been removed and appreciates some of the changes already being made.

G. Meeting Adjourned: