

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, February 1, 2016

COMMISSIONERS ATTENDING

Brian Piper
Jim Koch
Al Fink

Absent
Heidi Burtner
Jessica McGinnis

OTHERS ATTENDING

Tracy Alden, Director of Recreation
Rita Ligeikis, Recreation Coordinator
John Robinson, Executive Director Park District
Alice Gallagher, Village Trustee

CALL TO ORDER: B. Piper called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commission reviewed the minutes from the January 4, 2016 meeting.

MOTION: B. Piper motioned and A. Fink seconded the minutes from the January 4, 2016 meeting be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: T. Alden stated he is retiring in a couple of years and is moving in a new direction with the basketball program. He introduced Christopher Spartz of Christopher Spartz Basketball. Christopher is a resident who has played professional basketball and has a passion for the sport. C. Spartz gave a short presentation stating that he wants to bring the program to a new level. Some things he mentioned were using more professional coaches, unified training for coaches, branding the program, creating more opportunities via camps and clinics and keeping the costs lower than competitors. Programs offered would be for Little Hoopers – 8th grade. J. Robinson suggested getting sponsors for the program. A. Fink asked if the program was only for residents? He does not want to see nonresidents taking the slots that residents could have. T. Alden reviewed the current policy to clarify that D101, D106 and St. Johns students are all considered residents.

REPORTS:

1) RECREATION DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Program Session-: R. Ligeikis stated that Session 1 is going smoothly. Session 2 starts on 2/22/16. Too soon to look at numbers.

B. Lacrosse: T. Alden stated that numbers are good despite competing with the roque program. He also stated he has talked to the LT Athletic Director about the Red Lions program. Red Lions have been asked to make some changes to their website.

C. Christopher Spartz Basketball- Feb 7: Already discussed.

D. Senior Programs: T. Alden stated that M. Cagney had neck surgery a week ago. She is recovering slowly and not back to work yet.

E. Little Sweethearts Dance: R. Ligeikis stated that the Little Sweethearts Dance will be on Valentine's Day, Feb 14. She has volunteers to help decorate.

F. Tower Trot: T. Alden stated that the Bear Necessities Agreement is in the packet. It is the same agreement as in the past just with new dates. It will go to the Properties & Rec Committee for their next meeting.

G. Summer Brochure-Message from the Commission: B. Piper volunteered to write the Message for the summer brochure. The theme is Len Caldiera/Tower Trot.

H. Evaluation – online, reviews: T. Alden stated that we will be sending out the link for the Winter program evaluations. R. Ligeikis will look into online reviews, end of program evaluations, and ratings.

I. Capital Projects Update: T. Alden stated we are starting work on the office renovation project again. He is looking for a mill worker/carpenter for office and daycare projects. Tile floor project in bathrooms was completed. *The Recreation parking lot will be worked on this summer.

I. Complaints/Comments: T. Alden stated that there may be a complaint about unfair play in the 5th grade boy's league regarding them playing a 6th/7th grade team.

- 2) BUDGET: No report.
- 3) PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING: J. Robinson stated they are continuing work on their Capital Improvement Plan. *There will be a public meeting in March regarding refinancing a 2007 bond. * Fencing for the Spring Rock fields is scheduled to come down in mid April. A Grand Opening will be scheduled for May. The next meeting is scheduled for 2/9/16.
- 4) S.E.A.S.P.A.R: T. Alden stated that SEASPAR is celebrating their 40th Anniversary and we will be hosting a display panel for them in April. The board packet is in the correspondence folder and the next meeting will be held on 2/16/16.
- 5) GRAND AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER & WSCCA: T. Alden stated the WSCCA has voted to dissolve with some understandings. An agreement has been sent to the Village attorney for review. The next meeting will be held on Feb 11th.
- 6) CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: R. Ligeikis will remind Jessica McGinnis, new Commissioner, to complete the OMA training.
- 7) TRUSTEE AND BOARD REPORT: A. Gallagher reported that the Village is conducting more water samplings every 2 weeks and are expanding what they are looking for and reporting on. * A consulting company will be coming in to look at the Ridgewood section.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following items are included in the correspondence folder: Village Board Agendas-Jan 11 & 25, Park Board Packet-Jan 12, SEASPAR Board Packet-Jan 19, WSCCA Board Packet From – Jan 14, IPRA Magazine

COMMENTS:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7 at 7:00 pm at the Western Springs Recreation Center.

ADJOURNMENT: B. Piper motioned, A. Fink seconded that the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rita Ligeikis
Recreation Coordinator/Commission Secretary