

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:00am on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Chairman David Schrader, and Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Joy Phillips, Justin Billings, Greg Giordano, Elizabeth Giordano, Rob Oman, Dana Suiters and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The March 13, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Attendance Report during Construction (distribution) – A Memorandum from Elaine to Debbie Manns, City Manager was distributed and reviewed by all at the meeting. The report gives a comparison of memberships sold during the previous year and the current year; during membership drives, and not during membership drives; and during construction, and after construction. In Summary, there has been a huge increase in sales of memberships over the past year, and especially since the latest construction/remodeling/expansion. A concern was brought up if we have the ability to contact inactive members and is the Recreation staff following through with checking up on inactive members. The software is enabled to send an email to members 45 days in advance of their membership date expiration.
- Fitness in the Park Series – Attendance for this new program was low in March, but we are offering a variety of classes, which is generating more interest in the program.
- Event Guidelines to City Council on April 3rd – The item was tabled, but it helped get the event organizers to understand that we must take care of the parks while having these events. *A few concerns were mentioned:
 1. Was there damage from Chasco? A few sprinkler heads were damaged; but no damage from the carnival was reported.
 2. Orange Lake dredging? The dredging has been done and the lake is doing well.
 3. Next phase? Possibly the construction of the new boardwalks (Elaine will try to find out the status from Public Works.)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Welcome New Member, Al Renedo – He is out of town for the month of April. He has helped with Chasco events.
- Jasmin Park Community Meeting – April 16th (5:30pm) RAC – The meeting is scheduled for next Monday in the Palm Room.
- Volunteer Dinner – April 18th – The dinner will be held at the Spartan Manor at 6pm. Dave did not get an invitation (last year or this year) (Donna, please notify Judy). Dana, Greg, and Carolyn are unable to attend the dinner.
- New Adult Fitness Classes after 5pm – One of our staff is instructing the HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) class; the YMCA is providing an instructor for free to teach a variety of Enhanced Fitness classes; Zumba is starting on April 30th and will be held on Mondays & Fridays at 6pm, and Saturdays at 12pm; An Adult Games program will offer social activity and inter-action. *(KC is publicizing a lot on Facebook; there is something for everybody.)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Fitness in the Park (Sims) April 14th at 10am
- Family Movie Night (Sims) April 14th “Cars3” at 8pm – Some of the businesses have posters in their windows.
- Cotee River Seafest (Sims) April 20th-22nd
- Youth Laser Tag for ages 6-12 yrs. (RAC) May 4th at 7-9pm – The Youth Advisory Board will be hosting this event.
- National Kids-to-Parks Day (Grey Preserve) May 19th – They may do a nature scavenger hunt, some crafts, and a healthy snack. The children will be outside, in a park, doing fun activities with a parent. They will receive a t-shirt, and other prizes/giveaways. *A question was asked how the events are promoted. A) Facebook, newspaper, directional signs to park, flyers.
- Neighborhood Clean-up (Frances Avenue Park) May 19th: 8am-5pm - *A comment was made about the shower floors at the RAC needing a deep cleaning. Elaine said she would address this with Public Works (Facility Maintenance). The light color of the Fitness Center floor shows stains and looks dirty even when it is cleaned. A darker colored flooring will be requested to replace the light color.

VOX POP

The problem with the card-swipe system is being addressed. Also, some members have been letting others in the door during early and late hours.

Dave is going to call Robert in Public Works regarding some Neighborhood Clean-up questions.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00am at the RAC.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

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