

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:00am on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Board Members Joy Phillips, Dana Suiters, Greg Giordano, Al Renedo, Justin Billings, Carolyn Marlowe, Rob Oman, Chairman Dave Schrader, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance. Kai Sonnenschein is interested in joining the Advisory Board and attended as a guest.

The November 12, 2019 minutes were approved (with Carolyn's signature removed on meetings she does not attend).

OLD BUSINESS:

- Introductions to Kai; joined during the Early Bird Special and has submitted an application to Judy. Donna will let Kai know when his application will go before City Council for approval.
- Community Yard Sale – This was a new event that brought new people to our facility. There were 42 vendors. We would like to do another one in the spring time and cap it off to 50 vendors.
- Magical Musical Christmas Event: Hand-out Duties – All duty assignments were explained in detail, including time to report to Sims Park. Thank you all for your support.
- Early Bird Membership Sale – The Sale was huge with 365 memberships sold in 3 hours. Processing the payments took a little longer than we would like; an additional register is going to be added to the front desk. Statistics show that of the memberships sold at the event, 45% of them were new members. Thank you all for volunteering and assisting.
- Toys for Tots – The Oak Room is packed; we are receiving over 1,000 per day. Both storage pods are full, and back storage. Assistance will be needed for shoppers on December 17th, 18th & 19th from 12-6pm. Also, please call to see if distribution boxes are full so they can be picked up.
- Re-visit – RAC Fees (need recommendation) – Does the committee feel a need to adjust membership fees? (Elaine explained price breakdowns and costs for memberships/what is included + perks for member appreciation.) The Sports Advisory Group did a study and the recommended fees have been in place for 3 years. Memberships have increased with residents and non-residents being about equal. Cost recovery is at about 46%; swimming pools cost a lot to run and maintain.

The Advisory Board voted unanimously to leave the member fees alone and recommend a 3% increase next year in order to keep up with costs. The subject should be reconsidered each year thereafter, with the aim of raising fees slightly to keep fees current with costs of running the facility.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Work Session on Events/December 10th – Council has requested types of activities at Sims Park and maintenance days to refurbish the park. Major maintenance will occur for 3 weeks in October and then again 6 months later, after Chasco and SeaFest.
- Carolyn & Justin Renewal Terms were approved by City Council.
- Holiday Photo – (to be taken at the end of the meeting).

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Annual Membership Drive – 20% off December 15-January 18.
- Holiday Street Parade – December 14th
- Magical Musical Christmas – December 21st
- Winter Basketball Camp for ages 5-12 yrs. – There are still some openings; it will be held through January 3rd, while the children are off of school.

VOX POP

The Grey Preserve dock is down/roped off 4 weeks ago because it collapsed into the water. (Elaine said she would follow up to find out what's going on.)

The Holiday Photo was taken in the RAC lobby in front of the Christmas tree and the meeting was official adjourned at 7:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marlowe,
Secretary