

Meeting Minutes: Owatonna Park Board

Date: February 11, 2019

Location: Council Chambers

Board Members	Present	Absent	Others Present, Staff	Others Present, Guests
Judd Dingmann	X		Nikki Callahan, Administrative Technician	
Lee Kostelecky, Secretary	X		Tim Truelson, Recreation Manager	
Nicholas Elsner		X	Troy Klecker, Community Development Director (Parks and Recreation Interim Director)	
Angie Malo, Chair	X		Eric Anderson, Recreation Manager	
Karina Garcia, Co-chair	X		Dani Licht, Recreation Supervisor	
Greg Louis	X			
Greg Posch	X			

Topic/Item	Summary of Discussion	Action
Items previously disseminated	Correspondence (incoming): Minutes (unapproved): Park Permits: Event Permit:	
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 4:36 PM	Lee K
Approval of Agenda		Motion: Greg P Second: Greg L Approved
Approval of Minutes	January 14, 2019	Motion: Greg L Second: Greg P Approved
Persons wishing to appear		
Park Permits	None	

<p>Staff Reports</p>	<p>a. 2017-2018 YTD Budget through December 31, 2018 and 2019 budget numbers Aquatics and Therapeutic Recreation were separated for the 2019 budget. The new aquatics category is separate from the River Springs Water Park. The new aquatics category includes the Junior High, Training classes (WSI/Lifeguard), Lake Kohlmier etc. Greg L wanted to know why the Junior High pool is under the city budget. Eric explained we run the classes and take in the revenue. There are still a few invoices and expenses coming out for 2018. We are over budget by about \$150,000 for 2018. We spent about \$84,000 less for 2018 compared to 2017. Lee asked about the 2019 budget and what we are projecting for an overage. Troy said our budget is a little higher for 2019 compared to 2018. Troy will get more detailed information for Lee on the budget numbers and percentages.</p> <p>b. Tennis and Fitness Report Dani Licht reported on the highlights, challenges, and future initiatives. Some high lights include replacing some equipment, on-line registration for programs, tennis center lobby remodel, and other enhancements. They are challenged with equipment, meeting space, policies and procedures for patrons, consistent staff, and pay scale. They are painting the facility, and hope to add more on-line options such as court reservations and memberships. Membership sales were up in 2018. They were over budget this year. Lee wanted to know what the cost is to resurface the courts. Eric said \$30,000 which comes out of our CIP. Greg L asked if they have ever tried salt water in the pool. Dani L said salt water is not safe for the patrons. Salt water does not kill off the germs that come in the pool. There is a natural pool in Minneapolis that has been shut down because it is not safe. Judd talked to Kelly about the pickle ball group. The OTA is starting to warm up to the pickle ball players. They are becoming more receptive to the pickle ball players. Kelly is pushing for pickle ball to come in to fill up the courts and receive more court fees. Dani L said one of the challenges is putting the lines in for pickle ball courts. They cannot put permanent lines in due to all the rentals and tennis tournaments. Greg P said the pickle ball players are happy with their current space. Troy clarified they are looking at growing the program and using the tennis center as an added facility to play pickle ball. Eric said they receive about \$10,000 in college rentals that we would lose out on if we made permanent pickle ball courts. Greg L asked why we couldn't turn 2 of the 6 courts into pickle ball courts. Eric said when colleges come they need all 6 courts. Angie wanted to know how we let the patrons know that the courts are reserved for an outside rental. Eric said they send out e-mails. Patrons can reserve 5 days in advance and would be told that courts are unavailable if a tournament is scheduled. Eric said most call ahead of time to reserve a court so they are told at that time if it is rented out. Greg P will meet with some of the pickle ball players and gage their interest level in extending their play to the tennis center.</p> <p>c. Eric followed up with a question from Lee about area senior center fees and what they offer. Eric passed out a summary report. We are comparable to other area senior places in both fees and</p>	<p>Troy reviewed</p> <p>Dani L reported</p> <p>Eric reported</p>
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	<p>programming. We are trying to move forward and offer more and different programs and activities. Lee wanted to know if other areas are under the Parks and Rec or if they are stand alone. Eric said there are some that run under the city budgets and some are under non-profits/stand alone. Greg L thinks we should raise the dues to offer better programs. They continue to try to get new members. Lee asked if everything is published as to what is happening for programs and activities. Eric said we published our information in the newsletter, post it on our website, and put information in our quarterly brochure. Greg L thinks it would be good to get the information to all the residents over age 50 for a one time big push for memberships. Angie thinks the 50-65 age group are still on the computer and on websites, social media etc and they need to catch those people and get them the information.</p>	
Unfinished Business	<p>a. Inclusive playground, Miracle Field – Washington Elementary and the girl’s basketball team are doing fundraisers for the project. They are meeting with the Bremer foundation on Wednesday and working on the DNR outdoor grant. The goals is to break ground in the spring of 2020</p> <p>b. Master Plan- An open house was held last week with public input. They had over 30 attend. The social pinpoint is still up on our website through February. There is a group pushing for us to be a pollinator city. They want our park system to be more natural. Lee said there is a lack of connectivity on the trails and sidewalks in the city. Troy said we have a sidewalk and trail plan. We are working towards doing 1 to 2 projects a year. Angie said it is hard to keep our parks “natural” by laying concrete for the sidewalks. WSB will do a trail count this spring and have a final plan in the summer.</p> <p>c. Nass Property update – they have been working with ISG for a design for the new soccer complex. The soccer association is paying for the property, the consultant and design. They had a neighborhood meeting last week with 15-20 people. Their main concern is vehicle traffic, speed of traffic and safety of the kids. We do not have sidewalks or trails in that area. There will be a parking lot but there will also be street parking. Greg questioned the groups that fundraise and build something then the city is stuck with maintaining it. Troy said we have some great groups willing to support and fundraise for a project and when groups come forward willing to fundraise that shows a need in the community. Lee wanted to know about the tax for the property. Troy said it is now city owned so there is no tax. Angie wanted to know what happened with the Frisbee golf addition. Tim said they are currently fundraising for an additional Frisbee golf course.</p>	<p>Tim reported</p> <p>Troy reported</p> <p>Troy reported</p>
New Business	<p>a. None</p>	
Board Questions/Comments	<p>Judd—We rescheduled a lot of our winter weekend out activities for this weekend and if people are available to help let the parks and recreation office know.</p> <p>Karina – will no longer be on the Park Board as of April 2019.</p> <p>Lee- none</p> <p>Angie- what are the priorities for snow removal on the trails. Are people getting paid over time for doing it at night? Troy said we do not pay overtime unless it is an emergency. All of our resources and</p>	

	equipment are out clearing streets and sidewalks. People work different shifts to cover the needs of the snow. Priorities are 1 st streets, 2 nd sidewalks, 3 rd trails, and 4 th ski trails. Are the Fat tire bike group work on the trails in the winter? Eric said the volunteers keep that up. Greg L- will be gone in March and April. Greg P - none	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:55 pm	Motion Greg L Second Greg P
Next Meeting	Monday, March 11, 2019	