

PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2020
Recreation Department - 50 Whiting Street
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Present: Brent Davenport, Donna Martin, Ben Gediman, Bill Bulger, Chris DiTolla, Quinn Christopher, and Ty Cox

Absent: Ezio Capozzi, Jr., Tom Warnat

Staff: Courtney Hewett, Park and Recreation Director

I. MINUTES

A motion was made by: Ben Gediman to accept the November 14, 2019 minutes as written.

Seconded by: Chris DiTolla

All in Favor 7 to 0

Motion Passes

Minutes Accepted

II. ORAL PETITIONS

None

III. FACILITIES REPORT

Berner Pool Update – the pool liner was repaired. Courtney reported that the repair was done within the budget. Still working on repairing the men's bathroom floor. It will be repaired before summer starts. They are not charging for labor, just materials. It was just out of warranty.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Memorials at the Parks - Courtney met with Dave from Buildings and Grounds and Tom Warnat about Memorial Requests at the Park. Norton Park seems to receive more requests for memorials and it seems to be increasing. It was decided to hold off accepting requests for new memorial requests for now.

Courtney talked about the proposed new policies regarding memorials. She went over them with the Board.

A motion was made by: Chris DiTolla to accept the new policies regarding memorial request or the parks.

Seconded by: Ben Gediman

All in Favor 7 to 0

Motion Passes

- B. Outdoor Fitness Equipment –Courtney met with Shirley, Roberta, and Dave about different possibilities. The board talked about the idea of separating the equipment amongst all the parks. The board liked the idea of keeping it together in 1 park and possibly doing an outdoor fitness class. The Board talked about fundraising ideas. The consensus is to do it at Norton Park and do it in one section. To be discussed further.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. New Program Ideas – The Board talked about new program ideas including adding the name of the instructors on the brochure. Ben suggested the possibility of a Walking Club and possibly including the Senior Center. Courtney is talking to the Art Teachers about the possibility of an Art Enrichment Class. To be discussed further.
- B. Non-Residents Purchasing Pool Passes – Courtney talked about the possibility of out of town residents being allowed to purchase season passes at an increased price to increase pool revenue. The Board talked about doing a pool open house for town residents to come check out the pool to possibly increase more residents to buy passes. The board agreed that it might be a better idea to advertise to Plainville residents rather than opening it to other towns. If advertising doesn't work and the numbers are still low then doing non-resident season passes will be revisited next year.
- C. Policy Update – Courtney presented a facility policy update. Courtney explained that someone wanted to use the pool during open swim to offer private swim lessons. This should not be allowed unless they want to rent the pool. The board discussed the wording of the policy. Courtney to make the proposed changes.

A motion was made by: Brent Davenport to approve the policy presented with the proposed wording changes.

Seconded by: Donna Martin

All in Favor 7 to 0

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by: Ben Gediman to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm.

Seconded by: Brent Davenport

Vote: 7-0 in favor

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm

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Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

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Recording Secretary

