

**Recreation Advisory Board
January 25, 2017
Minutes**

Members Present:

Loren Anthony
Russ McCaig
Brett Remsberg
Brandi Parks Lane
Susie Carson

Members Absent:

Bill Young
Kenny Eaton
Miles Harvey
Tony Heilman

Commission Representative:

Youth Commission Representative:

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart Brian Urton Don Argo Tabitha Sharp

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chairman, Loren Anthony.

Brett Remsberg moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Russ McCaig seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

Programming - Kevin Wishart

- Basketball is in week 4. One week of games for 3rd and up was cancelled due to weather. Staff still struggled to have enough coaches.
- The City will be partnering with the YMCA for soccer in the spring.
 - YMCA paid the City \$142 to settle the split expenses for fall.
 - Russ asked if it lessened the burden on the city staff.
 - Kevin stated that it helped with registration and some rosters. We still provided staff for referees and supervisors.
 - Susie asked if they felt it was good to move forward.
 - Kevin stated that it was, there were still some kinks, but they would work out.
 - Russ asked how the logos were done.
 - Kevin stated that both were on the shirt.
 - Loren asked if we saved on port-a-potties.
 - Kevin stated that we had to order one for flag football at the lake fields.
- Staff are looking closer at spring volleyball because numbers are decreasing. They will offer it this year, but might discontinue going forward.
 - Russ asked if participation was less than what is typically expected.
 - Kevin stated that it was less.
 - Russ asked if practice space will overlap with basketball and volleyball.
 - Kevin stated that one will end and the other will start.

- Don stated that the overlap will happen with volleyball and softball.
- Russ asked if we had considered a month long clinic.
- Kevin stated that it was a good idea, so they could look into it.
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- Susie stated that it is too much to try and do basketball, volleyball and softball. The opportunity is there in the fall.
- Loren asked where the basketball numbers came in.
 - Don stated that they were about 185 total.
 - Loren asked if that counted the Kindergarten at the YMCA.
 - Don stated that it did not. He stated that 1st and 2nd grade numbers went up and 3rd – 5th went down.
 - Brandi asked who schedules practices.
 - Kevin stated that the coaches call us and schedule practice times.
 - Brandi asked who the lead contact person for rec. department is.
 - Kevin stated that it can be him, Don or Brian.
 - Brandi asked if they could provide game schedules and practice times earlier so they can plan.
 - Kevin stated that practice times are scheduled by the coach and they are encouraged to get the schedule to parents as soon as possible. Kevin stated that there have been some hiccups scheduling games because of the new partnership with the YMCA.
 - Brandi stated that she felt there is a lack of urgency providing the game schedule.
 - Don stated that they can tell the parents the dates that games will be played, but they can't provide times until we know how many teams there are.
 - Kevin stated that in the 3rd – 6th basketball schedule, we have to wait on Walnut Valley League. We did not want to send our schedule out if there was conflict with the younger grades.
 - Brian stated that on the sign-up sheets, the start date for games and number of games is provided.
 - Brandi stated that it would be great to have an e-mail go out when sign-ups are done stating that we have received the registration, the coach's will meet this date and games will start on this date.
 - Kevin stated that they can try that.
 - Susie stated that they need to include the time for when rosters are sent out and coaches are able to schedule practices instead of the coach's meeting.
- Susie asked about the problems in the girls' basketball game Saturday.
 - Brian stated that both teams were difficult, staff let them vent and the group calmed down.
- Brian stated that Kite Day and Mother Son Bowling are coming up.
 - Brandi stated that she would put flyers in her bags for the marathon.
- Kevin stated that Pitch Hit and Run is also coming up.
- Kevin stated March 31st is National Take a Walk in the Park Day and the YMCA will be kicking off their Storybook Trail in North Main Park.

New Business

- Brett stated that he and Mike Ward took over a team for Brian in basketball. The season is going well.
- Kevin stated that summer employment applications are due at the end of February, interviews are in March and hiring process in April. Prefer 15 year olds but will accept 14 year olds.
 - Russ asked if we are expecting umpires to come back.
 - Brian stated that he is expecting a majority to return.
 - Susie asked if life guard, mowing and rec are all hired at once.
 - Kevin stated that they do. He stated that they will look for older employees before May, but high school students are all at one time.
 - Loren asked how many positions there are.
 - Kevin stated that there are roughly 75 – 100 positions, and a handful of employees that return and don't have to be re-interviewed. He stated that if it is a young life guard group, they hire more.
 - Loren asked if the city pays for the certification needed for life guards.
 - Kevin stated that the high school offers the course. He stated that the Red Cross has increased the cost of the registration significantly. He stated that the city is splitting the difference in the increased cost for those students this year. He stated that they understand that they do not have a guaranteed job, but we ask that they apply here first.
 - Russ asked what the starting wage is.
 - Kevin stated that it starts at \$7.25. He stated that there are 12 in the class this year.
- Russ asked if security had been increased to help with theft from patrons of the pool.
 - Kevin stated that Steve offered a lockbox to kids to turn in items when they come in the gate so that it will be secure.
- Loren asked if the ball fields would be finished soon.
- Kevin stated that is the plan.
- Russ asked about the upcoming task force meeting.
 - Tabitha stated that the meeting would take place on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m., directly after the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting. She stated that they will briefly review the plan and then discuss how the group would like to move forward.
- Kevin stated that he has taken on the roll as Human Resources Director. Don and Brian have been promoted up a bit, and we did interviews for an additional staff person today and yesterday.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.