

Recreation Advisory Board
June 21, 2017
Minutes

Members Present:

Loren Anthony
Susie Carson
Russ McCaig
Betty Kirkpatrick
Matt Guthrie
Miles Harvey
Brandi Lane (arr. 5:46)

Members Absent:

Bill Young
Brett Remsberg
Wendy Wilkinson

Commission Representative:

Kendra Wilkinson

Youth Commission Representative:

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart Tabitha Sharp Don Argo

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman, Loren Anthony.

Susie Carson moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Matt Guthrie seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

Summer Activities Report

- Swim lessons are going well.
- Baseball and softball people are beginning to get cranky with the increase in temperature. On target to wrap up the first week of July.
- Matt asked who is responsible for handling problems.
- Kevin stated that there are supervisors on each site.
- Crowds are up at the golf course and tournaments are moving along.
- Russ asked if memberships changed based on the new fee structure.
- Kevin stated that he thought it remained the same.
- Loren asked if there was an impact when the pool was closed.
- Kevin stated that staff took about a dozen complaints but haven't heard any others.
- Pool attendance is up, averaging about 180 per day. First twilight swim last Friday, 476 swimmers.
- Miles stated that was why he asked about usage, he felt the pool was the highest use in our rec facilities along with ball fields.
- Loren asked if there were additional staff for night swims.
- Kevin stated that all life guards that are available are called in. Next two are June 30 and August 11.

- Kevin stated that we appear to be below average on saves this year. And only two ejections to his knowledge.
- Parks are seeing regular use. He stated that there are some problems at Graham Park this summer.
- Susie asked if we had any laundry calls this year.
- Kevin stated that none of those had come, but he had one call about not enough clothing on.

July 4th Events

- Flyers are coming out. Will be at East Park. Whiffle ball sign up through June 30th.
- Miles asked what activities there were.
- Kevin stated turtle races, bike parade, water balloons, buckets, noodle toss, whiffle ball, crafts and many others.
- Brandi asked why the PT pool was closed.
- Kevin stated that it was having mechanical issues and the average attendance did not pay for staff and maintenance.
- Brandi suggested that the 8 p.m. games for the littlest kids because they get tired.
- Susie asked if you were supposed to clear the bases after three outs in t-ball.
- Kevin said yes, the umpires are struggling with the rules, they are being encouraged to enforce them.
- Loren asked how many of the officials will return.
- Kevin stated that there aren't any that we aren't willing to bring back yet, but the season is only half over.

New Business

- Kendra asked if the vandalism was better.
- Kevin stated that it was better this week. He stated that it is probably attributable to the increase in temperature. There are still problems with Forest Park. Only one paper towel dispenser destroyed in the last ten days at Central Park but there was an attempted break in at the concession stand. He stated that he believes word of mouth and an increased patrol when allowed by call volume.
- Miles asked about the disc golf course.
- Kevin stated that we are shooting for a grand opening on July 22nd.
- Brandi asked if there was tournament pricing.
- Kevin stated that it hasn't been set yet.
- Matt asked what the pool hours were.
- Kevin stated one to six, and we are closing an hour earlier this year than we have in the past.
- Betty asked if the EFABC was connected to the Disc Golf Course.
- Kevin stated that we asked permission to use a bit of their space but that is the only discussion.
- Betty confirmed that the parking lot would be available if there was not another event happening.
- Kevin stated that it would be.
- Loren asked if there would be a structure built on number one.

- Kevin stated that it would not be initially, but there will be signage up and benches along the course.
- Betty asked if there would be a port-a-potty there.
- Kevin stated that was a good question, he hadn't considered it yet.
- Brandi asked if the track could be made available to the public.
- Kevin stated that she would have to ask the EFABC.

Director's Report

- Gaga Ball Pit is still in planning. We will place it at North Main Park somewhere around the new pool. He is going to build the pit so that when money is available, we can put in an ADA pit.

Miles moved to adjourn

Matt second

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