

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
January 17, 2018
Minutes

Members Present:

Loren Anthony
Brandi Lane
Brett Remsberg
Miles Harvey
Susie Carson

Members Absent:

Russ McCaig
Betty Kirkpatrick
Wendy Wilkinson

Visitors:

Commission Representative:

Matt Guthrie

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart Don Argo Brian Urton Tabitha Sharp

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Susie moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Brandi seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

2017 Activities Review

- Kevin presented a review of the 2017 activities.
- Total youth participants are down to 1,441 from 1,639
- Susie asked if this was the same in other areas
- Kevin stated that across the United States, recreation based programs are dropping away. He stated that they will watch it in 2018 before determining whether it is an issue.
- Susie asked if the extra activities were taxing for staff.
- Kevin stated that it was an initiative of staff to keep the department from being one dimensional.
- Brandi asked if staff could consider utilizing on-line sign-ups.
- Kevin stated that he will consider it and see if it can be done within the current budget.
- Miles asked how much room is left at the cemeteries.
- Kevin stated that there is significant space at Sunset and Walnut Valley, there is some space at Bella Vista.
- Susie had to leave at 6:00 p.m.
- Loren asked if there is a program that is short on funds that could be co-funded by a civic organization. He asked if an organization sponsored kids for free if it would increase participation.
- Kevin stated that we offer scholarships and don't make children pay who are not able to. He stated that he has been tasked with managing loss and so he has to watch all of the programs.
- Brandi asked how the Senior Center was doing.

- Kevin stated that membership is up and he believes that they are seeing an uptick in participation.

New Business

- There was none.

Director's Report

- Parks Department is working on equipment for mowing season.
- Finalizing the move to the Squires Building.
- Cemetery crews are doing headstone maintenance.
- Snow and ice removal with other crews.
- Prairie Trails crews have been tasked with many clean-up projects that they are working to get done prior to golf season.
- Basketball is moving along, in week 3.
- Miles asked if vandalism was down.
- Kevin stated that the majority of it was at the Disc Golf Course currently.
- Brian is working on scheduling McDonald Stadium.
- Loren asked if any recreation league teams play there.
- Brian stated that a 14 and under team plays there.
- Summer applications are out, due February 28th, interviews March 19th
- Kevin visited the lifeguard class at the high school, the teacher stated that everyone took an application after class that day.
- He stated that he would hire 60 to 70 youth over the summer and around 30 pool staff
- Loren asked who someone should contact if they want to schedule a disc golf tournament.
- Kevin stated that they should contact the recreation department.