

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016
ACTIVITY CENTER
12:00 NOON

Present:

Greg A. Weitzel, Brent Martin, Kevin Day, David Pennock, Gaylen Denning, Bill Combo, Jeff Forbes, Tom Hersh, Matt Hill, Steve Janes, Kerry Martin, Jill Kirkham, Kris Millgate, Rebecca Casper, Tom Hally

Absent:

Mike Davis, Jim Hammon, John LoBuono, Dave Radford,

Guest Attendees:

Lisa Jones, Robert Nitchke, Mason Handke, KC Thompson, Micki Schwartz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tom Hersh motioned to approve June's meeting minutes as written. Steve Janes seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IDAHO FALLS LACROSSE CLUB

KC Thompson and Micki Schwartz present the Idaho Falls Lacrosse Club and its current needs. Asking the City to help with field resources and to be considered in future park changes/additions. Greg advises them to work with Kevin and Brent in the 2017 season.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Greg Weitzel

- Directors Budget Presentation has been given to Council. Typical cost recovery in recreation is 29%. City of Idaho Falls Recreation is recovering 48%. Our expenses due to capital outlay are 1.9 million less than last year. 5 priorities for 2017 budget are:
 - New FTE for weed control
 - Additional zookeeper
 - Increase the Recreation levy to 2.5%
 - Transfer the shelter revenues to parks capital improvement fund
 - Create a MERF account for park facilities
- Springhill Suites will be doing construction near and on the River Gardens. Pathways will be closed periodically for the next 3 months.
- Tautphaus Park security cameras are up and running
- Chesbro Music is sponsoring a new Tree Walk program
- Community Park playground donated. Ribbon cutting will be during IRPA conference in October
- Have met with developers from Pendleton and Woodbury re future projects
- 2 pumps are going in to Becker Pond. Hoping to get off the City's well system
- BLM and National Guard have cleared us for the trail project at Idaho Falls Raceway at Noise Park.
- Another public meeting was held for the Tautphaus Park Master plan process. People unanimously want the zoo expanded.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Golf – Gaylen Denning

- Revenues are up \$16k over last year
- USGA has done a turf inspection
- Have stopped watering the roughs for conservation purposes

Zoo – David Pennock

- 2200 volunteer hours to date
- Gibbon has been transferred to North Carolina
- More than 2000 people attended "Dream Night" for the handicapped
- Have been given approval for the zoo to have a dedicated Facebook page
- Snow leopard introduced

Recreation – Kevin Day

- Sports updated. Participation numbers are up
- Reviewed current field scheduling issues for the Lacrosse usage

Parks/Cemeteries – Brent Martin

- Banner updates.
- Rocky mountain School of Baseball Tournament report
- Event review
- Sandy Downs facility upgrades
- Cemetery updates

BONNEVILLE COUNTY – D. Radford (absent)

- No Report.

GOLF REPORT – Tom Hersh

- USGA turf inspection and report – Stressed the usefulness and importance of having this done.
- Working on controlling the budget

SCHOOL DISTRICT #91 – Kerry Martin

- Taylor View reconfiguring field for soccer.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #93 – Mike Davis (absent)

- No Report

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE – Matt Hill

- Revising Ordinance
- Getting an arborist on staff. Consulting set up not working
- Community Park flower bed will be Chubbaka

MEETING ADJURNED AT 1:14 P.M.

*Recorded by
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