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PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 21, 1979

CITY OFFICE 7:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 by John Alder. Members present: Weinberg, Reich, Beecroft and Twitchell. Parker arrived late. Members absent: Hinsvark and Jonrowe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 24, 1979 were presented.
M/M by Twitchell to accept minutes as presented. Seconded by Reich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/M by Beecroft to accept the agenda as written. Seconded by Reich. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM A. SWIMMING POOL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Fred Reich gave a report on the information gathered on four alternate proposals for pools the Swimming Pool Subcommittee is considering. Total width, sizes and approximate costs were given on each alternate pool.

Mr. Fran Reich submitted a report on what has happened since he has begun gathering information on different pools. Cost estimates from architects and engineers were presented.

Reich also reported that land has been secured for the pool, a 25 year lease had been secured from the Calista Corporation near the Bethel Utilities property.

M/M by Beecroft for the Committee to submit to Council, the 4 accepted proposals along with the private enterprise proposal for consideration for the swimming pool.

M/M by Weinberg to amend the motion to consider as a 6th proposal an Olympic Size Pool along with the other five proposals. Roll call vote was taken. Yeas: 5 NAYS: None.

Discussion was held on the various methods of funding for the pool. M/M by Weinberg to have the City of Bethel explore various methods of funding for the pool and hold a public hearing on it. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ITEM B. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Parker nominated Twitchell, Weinberg moved nominations be closed. Twitchell called for discussion and asked nominations be re-opened and Weinberg withdrew his motion. Frank Beecroft and Fred Reich were nominated in addition to Twitchell. Nominations were then closed. Ballot vote was taken. Beecroft 3, Twitchell 2, Reich 1. Beecroft nominated.

ITEM C. DIRECTORS REPORT

John reported that he has sent in the preliminary application for State monies through Alaska Trails and Footpaths Grant Program. The amount requested is $153,000 for Phase 2 of the Bicycle Path, he reported that $500,000 was available Statewide through the program.

John will be applying to the Office on Aging for Senior Citizens Grant Monies for FY 79-80 to continue the Senior Program. Application is due in Juneau on March 15. He will be requesting $64,000. A total of $48,000 had been received this past year.

There will be a Recreation workshop in Bethel on March 27 and 28, sponsored by the Alaska Recreation and Park Assoc. the City of Bethel Parks and Recreation Dept, and the YKHC. Emphasis will be geared toward the Bush villages interested in starting or expanding recreation programs in there village.

John reported that the Yukon-Kuskokwim State Fair has been a sucess.

The Winter Programs are going well. The Spring Programs will begin April 2 and run through the end of May.

ADJOURNMENT was at 9:00 P.M.