



CITY of BETHEL

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Minutes

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

April 16, 1980

City Hall

7:30pm

Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:45pm.. Committee-members present: Alder Hoffman, Parker, Reich... Absent: C. Moses and P. Twitchell..

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Hoffman to approve the minutes of March 26th meeting. Seconded by Reich. Minutes approved..

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was amended to add: Item C under Old Business: Recreation Land Improvements. Motion made by Reich to approve agenda as amended, seconded by Hoffman. Agenda approved as amended.

Communications

Committee Chairperson Parker passed out a copy of the Parks & Recreation Committee's letter of recommendation sent to the City Manager & Public Works Director with copies to the Public Works Committee and City Council.

Chairperson's Report

None..

Director's Report

Parks and Recreation Director Alder reported that Spring Recreation Programs began March 31 and will run thru mid May.

Alder reported that he had submitted a grant application for Title V funds to the Office on Aging. Title V funds are for hiring persons 55 years of age and older. Alder explained he had applied for 2 positions: a Driver and a Cook's Assistant to work with the Senior Citizens Program beginning this Fall..

Director Alder reported a change in plans for the 21-acre Park children's play area construction. Due to recent warm weather, pilings could not be put in. He explained the play equipment will be ordered on this summer's barge and that a labor contract will be let out this Fall.

"Deep Sea Port and Transportation Center of the Kuskokwim"

Alder reported that the Summer Youth Worker positions he had requested have been approved. There will be 3 youth positions with the department this summer. He mentioned to the Committee that due to recent developments, there is a possibility that there may be no CETA positions after October, 1980.. Parks & Recreation Director Alder told the Committee he will be attending the Pacific Northwest Regional Parks & Recreation Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, May 9 - 14th..

Old Business

Item A: Teen Center Discussion

Committee-member Bev Hoffman reported that she had spoken to Senator Hohman via Teleconference. Bev explained to Hohman that the Parks & Recreation Committee supported BSS proposal for funds for their new Day Care facility and that the committee had been making plans for converting the old Day-care facility into a TEEN CENTER. Bev told the Senator about the need for a Teen Center in Bethel and informed him of the planning already done by the Parks & Recreation Committee.. Bev reported that the senator asked her to mail all pertinent materials and facts available regarding the Committee's Teen Proposal. The committee reviewed all Teen Center information to date. Bev will collect all the information and mail it to Senator Hohman by April 25th..

Item B: New Senior Citizens Center

Parks & Recreation Director Alder showed the Committee the plans for the New Senior Citizens Center to be build this summer. The plans were developed by Design Lab, Inc. (Anchorage). The project is being funded with monies from the 1978 State Bond Proposition #3, which allocated \$25,000,000 state-wide. Bethel received \$1.5 million as a result of the bond proposition.

Item C: Recreation Land Improvements

The committee discussed the planned improvements for the recreation land located behind the Recreation Building. Director Alder presented the committee with a proposal for fencing the field between the present Day-care Center and the old Cowan Hut. Alder explained the need for the fencing was due to motor vehicles using the field as a shortcut and thus providing a potentially dangerous situation for recreation program participants as well as day-care youngsters playing out on the field..

A MOTION was entertained by Committee-member Reich regarding the fencing of the Recreation Land. The motion was seconded by Committee-member Bev Hoffman and approved Unanimously..

(Motion attached on next page....)...

Item C: Recreation Land Improvements (continued)...

MOTION :

The Parks and Recreation Committee recommends the construction of a fence from the old Cowan Hut to the present Daycare Center running parallel to Tundra Street. The justifications for the fencing are:

The designated recreation land behind the present Recreation Building is presently being misused by motor vehicles, that utilize the area as a shortcut. When motor vehicles drive across the field it creates a potentially dangerous safety situation for recreation program participants and day-care youngsters playing on the field. Vehicle traffic across the field also tears up the grounds and play area.

It is the strong recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee, that for the safety of recreation participants and the prevention of unnecessary wear and damage caused by vehicles driving on the field, that a fence be constructed from the old Cowan Hut to the present Day-care Center..

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Reich; seconded by Parker.. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm...

NEXT PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st
AT 7:30pm in CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.....