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Minutes

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

June 10, 1980

City Hall 7:30pm

Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.. Committee -members present: Alder Hoffman, Konig, Parker, Slaten. Absent: Twitchell..

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Bev Hoffman to approve the minutes of May 28th meeting. Seconded by Slaten. Minutes approved.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda corrected as follows: Youth Hostel Presentation withdrawn from New Business; 4th of July Discussion added under New Business..
Motion made by Hoffman to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Parker. Agenda approved ..

Communications

Bev Hoffman reported that she attempted to talk with George Hohman, but was unable to get ahold of him , she did speak with his aide.
Bev suggested that Committee Chairperson Parker should also try to contact Hohman.

Chairperson's Report

Ron Parker reported that he had contacted Vicki Malone regarding BSS Daycare plans to vacate the present Daycare Center. Parker reported that a definite date still has not been established and that BSS is still seeking Funds to complete their new facility. Parker stated that Ms. Malone would like to address the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding their plans for the building and also discuss the lease on the red building that is presently connected to the existing Day Care Center. Parker will talk with Ms, Malone about coming to the next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting on July 8th..

Director's Report

Parks and Recreation Director Alder reported that Summer programs are underway. Attendance is good despite the weather. Their are 20 children enrolled in the Playground Program; 16 children participated in the Bicycle Safety Program on June 9th. Regularly scheduled summer programs at the high school will begin Monday July 9th. ADULT SOFTBALL has 11 teams totaling 160 people signed up.

Alder reported that he created a 10 week summer Recreation Leaderl position. Fred Reich has filled that position. Present Parks & Recreation staff has 3 Leaders and 3 Youth Workers. CETA has lifted their freeze on positions.

Alder reported on some of the department's upcoming events and encouraged Committee visibility in the form of volunteerism on the part of Committee-members. Upcoming events include: A Children's Dog Show on June 22nd ; 4th of July Celebration ; Children's Hershey Track & Field Meet on July 9th...

Parks & Recreation Director Alder gave the Committee a legislative update on monies affecting Parks and Recreation. The 50,000dollars designated for a Bethel Youth Center needs to be clarified as to the legislative intent of these monies. Alder will keep the Committee informed on this item as it materializes. $528,000 was appropriated under HB60 for a Small Bore Rifle Range for Bethel.. $70,000 under the Waste Heat Bill monies will be used towards the design of a Swimming Pool for Bethel.
The Committee recommended that the feasibility of adjoining a multi-purpose gymnasium area to the Proposed Swimming Pool Facility be addressed when the designing is begun. The reason being : a multi-purpose area is the next Recreation Facility priority after a Swimming Pool

OLD BUSINESS

Item A: Recreation Land Improvements Report

Director Alder reported that with the help of the Fire Dept. the field was pumped off on May 29 & 30 ; the entire pumping operation took approximately 9 hours. Due to no drainage system in the area, the one week of rain (June 1 - 8th) filled the field back up with water. Alder reported that he had discussed the problem with his superior.and was advised that a trench would be dug and a culvert installed..Also pending the availability of sand approximately 15 loads would be hauled in..

Alder advised the Committee to use the committee system,to work in getting the new ballfield at the 21-acre Park build by the VFW. Alder suggested that the Committee draft a letter to the VFW with copies to Council, thus going thru the established committee system.

Bev Hoffman made a motion that the Parks & Recreation Committee draft a letter to the City regarding the importance and need for basic maintenance repairs to be done to the existing ballfield area (ie.: drainage system be installed immediately!!!!).... Committee-member Slaten seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: Item A. (Cont'd)

The MOTION passed unanimously...

Parks & Recreation Director Alder reported that his staff has begun work to repair the swing set on the Recreation Lot.. He also reported that the ballfield fence had arrived and he would be contacting the Lion's Club regarding installation of the fence..

Item B. Discussion of Parks & Recreation Budget for FY 81

Director Alder reported that he is still in the process of making up the rough draft of next year's budget and that it will be ready for the Committee to address at the July 8th Committee Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item A: 4th of July Discussion

Parks and Recreation Director Alder reported that there is a 4th of July Community Planning Meeting on Thursday evening June 12th at Council Chambers. Committee-member Slaten made some suggestions regarding the Bicycle Race

Adjournment

Parker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hoffman.. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm...