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MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
AUGUST 25, 1980

Parks and Recreation Building

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. Committee members present: Parker, Hoffman, Slaten. Absent: Twitchell, Konig. Also present were acting directors of Parks and Recreation Jane Dudley, and Fred Reich.

Approval of Minutes

Bev Hoffman made a motion to approve the munutes of July 21st meeting. Seconded by Slaten. Minutes approved.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda corrected as follows: LKSD Joint-Use Agreement and selection of the new Parks and Recreation Director were added under New Business.

ChairPerson's Report

none

Communications

Fred Reich stated that work had been started on the heating system.

People to be Heard

none

Un-Finished Business

none

New Business

Item A- Demand Study for Swimming Pool

Fred Reich reported that last week he assisted in an Alaska Department of Environmenta; Conservation Survey of Troubled lakes. Bethel area lakes included in the study were Subdivision, H-Marker, and Sand Pit. H-Marker was the only lake found to have suitable water for swimming. Actual money for the cleaning of the lakes is available on a local match basis. Reich reported Asst. City Manager doubted whether any money for the program would be available from city funds.

Jane Dudley reported that due to the allocation of money to study a design for a swimming pool, perhaps the Committee should consider some sort of a study

which would provide data to support the building of the pool - that is, data that shows that Bethel residents believe a pool to be of priority. This data could be used to back up the actual funding for the building of a pool.

Parker suggested that any major decisions on the pool be delayed until a new director is hired, but that the Committee and the department go ahead and solicit community opinoin. He suggested contacting Rosie Porter and the Tundra Drums. Jane said she would contact Rosie.

Bev Hoffman suggested that the Committee seek to coordinate the swimming program with Senator Gravel and YKHC.

Slaten suggested that a swimming lake was not a substitute for a pool (due to the minimum number of days that the weather is suitable for swimming outside). He advised all energy and funds be directed to the development of a pool. Parker agreed, and the committee decided to put the majority of their efforts toward the building of an actual pool.

Item B- Teen Center Proposal

Bev gave a report on the Bargain Cache as apossible site for a teen center until Bethel Social Services vacates the Day Care Center. She stated that Chuck Pensgard, owner, has been out of town, but that from the information she has received he has no immediate plans for the facility. Ron suggested Bev contact Mr. Pensgard when he gets back to Bethel and work out a possible lease price. He suggested that the teens could probably do some of the remodeling work. Bev said that she would contact Chuck.

Item C-Specific Committee Assignments

Slaten suggested that each committee member be assigned one specific project to work on. Projects included swimming pool, teencenter, softball field...

Ron Parker stated that he felt that was the way things had been done in the past and that maybe designations should just be a bit more specific.

The committee agreed to be more specific about delegating jobs to be done.

Item D Land Acquisition

A motion was made by Ron that the Parks and Recreation Committee submit to the planner a proposal that the 5 acre plot of land adjacent to the 21 acre park be reserved for Recreation expansion. That parcel of land is now under consideration for a 55 year lease to the Catholic Church. The motion was seconded by Bev Hoffman. Motion passed unanimously.

Item E - VFW Softball Field

Slaten suggested that the VFW be allowed to build their new building next door to the softball field they have promised to construct. Bev opposed that idea because it would involve a large building and parking area. Parker also stated his wish that only a minimum number of buildings be developed on the facility. Slaten said he would talk to the VFW to find out when they were planning to construct the field.

Item F - LKSD Agreement

A motion was made by Parker that the city manager, Lyman Hoffman, be contacted and advised that the committee would like him to take into account the reccomendations of the Committee in the area of the joint-use agreements.

The motion was seconded by Hoffman and passed unanimously.

Item G - Selection of Parks and Recreation Director

Parker stated that he would go down to talk to Lyman Hoffman about the selection of a new Parks and Recreation Director and a new Bowling Alley Manager.

Adjournament

Bev made a motion to adjorn, it was seconded by Slaten. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.