

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee Minutes of March 13, 2014

Meeting called to order by Jim Wein, Chairperson, at 6:03 p.m. in the Room 108 of City Hall Plaza, 630 S. Central Avenue.

Present: Jim Wein, John White, Jane Yaeger, Ali Luedtke, Kristy Palmer, and Alderman Tom Buttke

Excused: Chris Viegut

Absent:

Also Present: Ben Steinbach, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor, Kelly Cassidy Parks & Recreation Supervisor and Jeff Bahling and Rebecca Ramirez, Rettler Corporation.

PR14-04 Motion by Buttke, seconded by Yaeger to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting.

Motion Carried 5-0

Public Comments: None

The committee set Thursday, April 10th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time of their next meeting.

Kristy Palmer arrived – 6:07 p.m.

Jeff Bahling from Rettler Corporation presented information on the department's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). He explained how the process will work to collect information for the 2014 -2018 CORP. He also explained how and what this plan can be used for by our community. The calendar was reviewed with dates of obtaining the information from user groups and the general public that will be used to put the information together. This was an information only item and no action was taken.

PR14-05 Motion by White, seconded by Luedtke to approve the fee reduction and discontinuation of non-resident fees for tennis and racquetball. The effective date to start the new fees will begin May 1st. The department will also run the student rate for spring break (March 15th - March 23rd), like what was done for the winter break.

Motion Carried 6-0

Cassidy explained the new rates that would be used for the tennis and racquetball center. These reduced rates are to try and get more people playing tennis in the community. Luedtke brought this information up at the Marshfield Tennis Association meeting and the members were all very happy to hear of the reduced fees. Staff will bring the results of the fee reduction back to the November meeting. The committee questioned if this is just a trial for the next eight months. It was confirmed by Cassidy that yes, this will be a trial through December 2014.

Steinbach reviewed the proposed city ordinance permitting bow hunting in the city limits. The committee was concerned that there is no buffer indicated in the ordinance around the park land. They asked that this be checked into to see if it can be added. This was an information only item and no action was taken.

PR14-06 Motion by White, seconded by Yaeger to approve placing three signs at the zoo entrance gates with the wording to include suggested donations of \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for youth.

Motion Carried 6-0

Buttke explained that this idea came from another zoo that staff had visited, and with these suggested amounts, that zoo has increased their donation revenue. The current signs located in Wildwood Zoo will be moved to other donation collection areas within the zoo and be replaced with the new suggested donation signs.

Information Items: Staff updated the Committee on their respective areas of responsibility and answered questions regarding the monthly reports.

Committee Member Questions, Comments, and Suggestions: None

Future Agenda Items: Ice Rink Report

Communications: None

PR14-04 Motion by Yaeger, seconded by Palmer to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried 6-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Kelly Cassidy, Parks & Recreation Supervisor