

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 3, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Way, Bob Besaw, John Faucher, Dennis Herter, Bob Marcks, Henrica Bult (entered @ 5:37p.m.)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lori Dean

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Gary Henke, Tom O'Connell, Dave Morack

OTHERS PRESENT: Chad Hoerth, Parks & Recreation Director, Michelle Lambrecht, Administrative Assistant; Scott Bellile, New London Press Star; Kent Hager, City Administrator (exited @ 6:10 p.m.); Brent Schmidt, Mckinstry; Ted Christian, Facilities Superintendent.

Way called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

Faucher moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Besaw. Motion carried by all.

Public Comment: None

Discussion on New London Aquatic & Fitness Center Mechanical System Updates: Hoerth provided details on the proposed mechanical system upgrades for the New London Aquatics and Fitness Center. Upgrades are greatly needed to replace equipment which is at the end of its life expectancy and to bring facility operations into current code compliance. Discussions took place about each aspect of the proposed upgrades and questions were answered by Hoerth and Brent Schmidt from Mckinstry who is the city's consultant/engineer on the project. It is anticipated that the facility will be closed from the middle of March to the end of May during the construction with plans on re-opening around June 4, 2018. The cost for these upgrades is expected to be around \$1 million. Timing is of the essence as if the project is to proceed as planned the construction contract must be approved at the December committee/council meetings to keep the schedule on track.

Review & Consider for approval the Department's 2018 Seasonal Wage Schedule: Hoerth noted that there are no changes to the schedule as it will remain the same as the 2017 schedule.

Motion made by Herter and seconded by Faucher to approve the 2018 Season Wage Schedule as presented. Motion carried by all.

Director's Report: There were no questions on the monthly reports and statistics.

The following years of service were recognized:

Kim Ebert, 10 years of service on September 10th

Patrick Guyette, 3 years of service on September 22nd

Chairman's Report. Way commented that the Wisconsin DNR is looking into allowing E-Bikes (electronic bikes) to access state trails and it's something we will want to keep an eye on.

Committee Member's Report.

Besaw inquired if the Silver Sneakers program had any changes. He saw information that at least one insurance provider is dropping out of the Silver Sneakers program to provide their own similar program. Hoerth stated that he has not heard of or has been notified of any changes at this time.

Recess meeting to transport committee members & proceed with a mechanical systems tour of the New London Aquatics & Fitness Center:

Besaw moved to recess; seconded by Herter @ 6:10 p.m. Motion carried by all.

Reconvene meeting at New London Aquatics & Fitness Center:

Faucher moved to reconvene; seconded by Herter @ 6:21 p.m. Motion carried by all.

Ted Christian and Brendt Schmidt walked all members through the facility explaining in great detail the issues with the current mechanical systems and how the upgrades would benefit operations of the facility.

Next Month Agenda Items: None

Besaw moved to adjourn; seconded by Faucher @ 6:45 p.m. Motion carried by all.

Chad R. Hoerth
Director of Park & Recreation