

PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE MINUTES
Immediately Following Public Works Meeting
January 3, 2006

PRESENT: Renning, Heise, Kopitzke, O'Connell, Herter
OTHERS: Hager, Polley, Rousseau

Renning called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

1. O'Connell moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Heise. All Ayes. MC.
2. The committee reviewed the Parks and Recreation Department's goals for 2006. They were very pleased to see the entire department working together to develop goals that will benefit the community as well as the employees.
3. The committee discussed the proposed 2006 resident and non-resident fees for recreation programs. Fees will be increased in 2006 due to budget reductions, instructor costs and supply costs. In addition, the City does not receive tax dollars from non-residents and therefore the non-resident fees will increase slightly more than the resident fees. The Recreation Department has also calculated the minimum number of participants needed to make a program break even. The department will not run a class that does not have the minimum number of students enrolled.

Heise moved to approve the proposed 2006 resident and non-resident fees for all recreation programs, seconded by Kopitzke. All Ayes. MC.

4. Polley presented a list of the scheduled projects for 2006. The committee offered suggestions regarding specific projects and equipment purchases. The two large projects scheduled for 2006 include adding a spray park at the pool in place of the baby pool and building new bathrooms at Memorial Park.
5. At a former meeting the committee suggested that the layout of Pfeifer Park be evaluated. It was suggested that some of the work that may need to be done to the park be done in conjunction with the Shawano St project. Polley will talk with the Public Works Director regarding the Shawano St project schedule. Polley will also meet with the Little League to discuss the layout of Pfeifer Park.
6. The 2005 annual pool and weight room attendance numbers were handed out at the meeting. The committee members will review the numbers and discuss the reports in February. Polley informed the committee that the numbers for 2005 are slightly down because the pool did not offer double classes for levels 1, 2, & 3 due to a limited number of instructors and there was a decrease in the number of aquacise participants. The pool will focus on promoting the aquacise classes, offer specials throughout the year and provide private swimming lessons on Saturdays.
7. Items for the February agenda include the Washington Gym doors, Memorial Park bathrooms, the advisory committee interest survey, and possible capital equipment purchases.

Kopitzke made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Heise. All Ayes. MC. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.