

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 2, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Way, Bob Besaw, John Romberg, and Bob Marcks

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Herter (excused), Lori Dean, and Tiffany Schulz

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Gary Henke (5:20 p.m.), Tom O'Connell, and Ron Steinhorst

OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director Chad Hoerth; Administrative Assistant Janet Searl; Kim Ebert, Senior Center Director; Mark Ebert, Building & Grounds Superintendent; Ginger Arndt, Recreation Coordinator; Lori Gorges, Aquatics Manager; Julia Martinson, Assistant Aquatics Manager; Charlie Luedeke

Way called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Washington Center. He asked to amend the agenda to flip items 3 and 4 on the agenda.

Besaw moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Marcks. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment. None.

Powerboat Launching/Dealership Testing at Riverside Boat Launch. There is a problem with the rip rap at the end of the boat launch getting pushed away by power loading, which causes a hole at the end of the concrete ramp. Recently a trailer fell off this edge and resulted in a broken axle when the individual tried to pull it out of the hole. Hoerth checked with the DNR and they do not enforce power loading at municipal boat launches. Way has experienced this issue in Winnebago County and the best solution is to extend the ramp, which is also the most costly solution. Charlie Luedeke told the committee if they prohibit power loading at the boat launch there will be three dealerships that will go out of business, he also commented that many newer boats are designed to power load because they are so heavy. The committee will look at raising the boat launch fees at the next meeting to help fund a ramp extension.

Strategic Planning/Mission Statement. Hoerth invited division heads from the department to attend this meeting to work on strategic planning for the department in 2014. Hoerth explained that he would like to create more measureable goals within the department so staff and the committee have a clear direction where the department is headed. The first step in Strategic Planning is reviewing the department's Mission Statement, Vision Statements and Core Values. There was a good question and answer session providing information for the development of these statements. Hoerth will use the information to prepare a document for future review.

Director's Report:

*Department Usage & Financial Statistics for November were handed out.

*The library roof project is complete; there will be a final inspection this week. The contractor has completed the frames for the pool skylights; installation is expected to start this week.

Committee Member's Report. There was an inquiry regarding the DNR rip rap project at Memorial Park; it has been completed.

Next Month Agenda Items: Boat launch fees.

Besaw moved to adjourn, seconded by Marcks, at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried with all ayes.

Chad R. Hoerth
Director of Park & Recreation