

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - FINAL

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, October 17th, 2013 at the Troy Community Center, in room 304. Chairman, Janice Zikakis called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Present: Janice Zikakis, Gary Hauff, Orestes Kaltsounis, Meaghan Kovacs, Laurie Huber,
Staff: Brian Kischnick, Carol Anderson, Kurt Bovensiep, Brian Goul, Elaine Bo

Absent: Jeff Stewart

Visitors: Katelyn Kishnick, Steve Toth (nominee to Park Board)

Resolution # PR - 2013 - 10 - 001

Moved by Gary Hauff

Seconded by Orestes Kaltsounis

RESOLVED, that minutes from February 21, 2013 are approved as submitted

Yes: 5

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Carol Anderson introduced Brian Goul and Elaine Bo and gave an update on the Recreation Director position

I. New Business

A. Carol introduced Brian Kischnick, Troy City Manager. Brian gave his background and a review of the progress and experiences since he started in the position.

1. Janice Zikakis asked if the room rental fee can be eliminated for some groups. Carol responded that fees are always being reviewed and that staff is aware of the ill feelings created when the fee policy was changed for room use. The policy was instituted as a result of the mandate that the Community Center be cost neutral. .

B. Special Use Standards and Permit. The revised policy allows outside organizations (no longer just Troy based or nonprofit) to apply for use. There is now a tiered fee structure and also rental fees up to \$1,000 a day. The policy now allows inflatable games and amusements. Board members commented that perhaps a calendar could be created of available dates for special use. Staff will review this possibility.

II. Old Business

A. Final Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be presented to council in the near future.

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III. Members Comments

- A. Gary Hauff commented he has not seen the parks look nicer or cleaner. He saw good traffic flow and clean parking lots. With fewer seasonal employees and reduced full time staff the parks were maintained very well, to Kurt's credit.
- B. Janice Zikakis asked about future maintenance of the trees and plants in Troy public properties. Kurt responded that the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) maintenance budget was cut in half. Kurt eliminated services and two seasonal employees maintained the beds. Two seasonal employees are not enough to maintain the property but that is all that funding allowed.
- C. Gary Hauff inquired about funeral memorials on the sides of the road. Kurt responded that they fall under the Sign Ordinance of the Troy City Code.
- D. Troy Nature Society has their annual Wine and Beer Tasting Fundraiser on Friday, November 1st. The board will be provided a copy of the TNS annual report.

IV. Staff Reports

A. Recreation Report

- 1. Elaine Bo reviewed the summer program participants for recreation programs as well as the Community Center pass memberships.
- 2. Brian Goul discussed the Troy Family Aquatic Center being closed for 24 ½ days this past summer due to the weather. This affected the registration for swim lessons and season passes and daily attendance. The revenues covered expenses as well as a portion of the depreciation.

B. Parks Report

- i. Milverton Play Structure. After approval in 2015, funds will be dedicated for turf and play structure

C. Public Input. None.

I. New Business continued

- A. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Function and Purpose. Brian Goul discussed the desire to collect information concerning the function and form of the board. With the input of the board, it is hoped that the meetings will be valuable and that the staff and board members work together to move parks and recreation services forward. A questionnaire was handed out to help decide how to make board more valuable to board, staff and community. Elaine Bo asked that the members take time to review the questionnaire and bring to next meeting or email to Lynne Lambert.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Janice Zikakis, Chairman

Lynne Lambert, Recording Secretary