

# RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES: November 18, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Busch, Jim Henry, John Sangermano, Robert Braceland and Ellen Piccioli

Public: Jason Hammel, PJ Geltema, Barbara Ritsch, and Chris Streeter

Meeting minutes taken by: Laura Greenough

Meeting started at 7:05PM, adjourned at 9:05PM

## CampQuest

- Jason Hammel came in to ask the board to renew their camp contract for next year.
- The Commission was happy with how the camp ran last year and would like to have CampQuest back for another year.
- Jason would like us to consider letting his staff run our summer playground program.
- The board would like Jason to work with Laura to see if this is worth doing, Laura will report back to the board.
- CampQuest would like to use our bathrooms and water resource to cut their overhead. Laura said he would need to check with the BOH because two bathrooms would not be enough to service CampQuest and the public. The only water supply we have comes from the bathhouse and it is not drinking water so CampQuest will still need to supply its own water for the campers.

## Eagle Scout Project

- PJ Geltema came in and presented his Eagle Scout project to the board.
- He supplied a handout to the board describing his project and cost related.
- He would like to build a bench at Pine Bluff
- The board would like the seat and backing of the bench to be made with recycled plastic or treks decking material.
- Jim Henry made a motion to accept PJ's plan with the exception that we would cover the cost for composite materials versus the cost of lower cost pressure treated wood. PJ will also be required to work off some of the cost by doing some raking and painting at Pine Bluff during the Spring of 2009. Mike Busch seconded the motion and the board voted all in favor to support PJ's project.

## S.T.A.R.S:

- Barbara Ritsch and Chris Streeter came into talk about the newly formed booster club that will be raising money to fund Recreational projects and needs.
- Over the summer they became tax-exempt.
- They will be making a priority list of projects that they would like to see completed.
- First on the list is a playground for the Snow Complex's.
- Another idea they are thinking about is a brick walkway also at the Snow Complex's
- They will keep the Recreation Commission in the loop about funding and proposed projects.

Budget:

- Laura proposes to keep the budget the same as last year except a 3% COL salary increase.
- Laura will e-mail the board the budget to review before next meeting.
- John Sangermano would like to put in a special article for irrigation and electrical work at Memorial field.
- He showed the board pictures of where he thought the well should be drilled.
- John made a motion to put a special article in the budget for irrigation and electrical work at Memorial field. The motion was not seconded.
- The conservation Commission wants a full notice of intent before moving forward with the Well and Irrigation at Memorial Field. Mike Busch will touch base with Pat Perry to talk about the notice and then report back to the board.
- Laura will talk to the Highway Department to see if they would be willing to dig the trench need for the electrical at Memorial Field. She will report back to the board once she has spoken to Mike Clayton.

Snowmobiles:

- Debra Hennessey would like to work with the Recreation Department to come up with a system to allow snowmobiles access to the lake from Pine Bluff. She suggests having people buy passes to be able to use the area. This will create revenue for the department and allow us to know who is using the property.
- We would put signage up where people could ride.
- The Commission liked the idea and would like Laura to work with Deb to come up with a plan and then bring it back to the board for approval.
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Next Meeting:

- Budget approval
- Facility Improvement list