

Jefferson Park and Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2019

Greene County Community Center

Board Members Present: Tracy Deal, Matt Gordon, Lee Horbach, Steve Hauptert, Mary Pedersen, Sam Harding, Doug Meinecke, Matt Wetrich

Absent: Rosemary Hoyt

Roll Call was answered by members expressing their desires for programming ideas for the Community Center.

Matt Gordon suggested expanding programming and expanding pool programming.

Sam Harding desired to have running, bike club and more activities outside the building.

Steve Hauptert expressed a desire to improve computer systems using the cloud and the addition of a ground level weight room.

Lee Horbach suggested taking a snapshot of programming today and looking at programming growth 6 months from today.

Tracy Deal would like to see youth sports brought back to Community Center, engaging more volunteers and volunteer training, and more class offerings.

Doug Meinecke would like to host a basketball tournament in January.

Mary Pedersen would like to see online registration, online payment, more community involvement, more art (drama) activities, and advertising from local businesses on t-shirts for kids in programming.

Matt Wetrich would like to see more activities outside of the building, developing relationships with instructors to have more class offerings. Also suggested an indoor pool.

Others Present: Mike Palmer, Dennis Hammen, Nathan Kral

Open Forum: There were no items or persons for the open forum.

The meeting was called to order by Director Denny Hammen at 5:30 PM.

It was moved by Harding and seconded by Pedersen to approve the September 18 minutes as written. The motion was approved

It was moved by Hauptert and seconded by Harding to approve the bills as presented. The motion was approved

Old Business:

a. Upgrading Computer System:

Hammen and Kral presented information about a computer software program that Kral has used in the past. The feeling of the board is unanimous for supporting a new system. Main features would be online

registration and online payment using the cloud. Hammen reported that vendors are very slow about returning phone calls and getting back to him with requested information.

Shower Replacement at the Pool:

Hammen reported that there has been no action moving forward pending an answer from the Iowa State Board of inspections concerning the need for inspections with a new system.

New Business:

A. Approval of two part-time employees:

Hammen inquired about the need of approval to hire new employees through the board. The board reported that it has not been a past practice of theirs to approve new part-time employees. Mike Palmer suggested the approval needed to go through the City Council.

Discussion also turned to the need for camera surveillance in the City Parks. Hammen will look into possible options for cameras. Hammen will reach out to the Catholic Church about their camera surveillance at the Catholic Church Park.

Reports:

- a. Wellness Report
- b. Program Report
- c. Director's Report
- d. Parks Report

The painting at Russell Park is completed by Gary Goodwin and was paid for by the Kiwanis Club.

The pool cover was installed by ACCO on October 16th.

Wednesday Recharge has 41 signed up, with attendance around 30 students.

Youth Soccer has recently been completed.

Current programs include Tae Kwon Do, Adult Volleyball, and Tumbling.

Upcoming programs include the Halloween Party, Zombie Run, and Basketball Clinics.

The Hess fund approved \$11,000 in equipment. Improvements include a Life Fitness Elliptical and 2 Power Lift benches.

Will be introducing a new Senior Fitness Class this winter on Friday mornings.

Mike Palmer reported that the Daubendiek Park trail will be refinished with concrete for next year.

A motion to adjourn was made by Harding, seconded by Pedersen and approved by the board at 6:20PM.

The next meeting of the Jefferson Park and Recreation Commission will be Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM at the Greene County Community Center.

Minutes submitted by Dennis Hammen.

