

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 8, 2009

TOWN HALL

I. Call to Order – Chairman Mr. Pfohl called to order the regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory committee at 8:30am in the Chamber Room at Town Hall. Present were Chairman Mr. Pfohl, and Advisory Committee Members Ms. O’Neil, Ms. Piquet, and Mr. Brooks; Mr. Smoot, Mr. Adams, and Ms. Simms were not present. Mr. Jelinski, Parks and Recreation Director was also present.

II. Approval of Minutes – Minutes were approved from the previous meeting.

III. Recreation Report -

A. Recreation Report – There were a total of 1,931 daily visits to the Recreation Center for the month of December. One hundred and eight (108) Family/Individual Annual Passes were sold/renewed in December 2008. There were five (5) Resident Individual, zero (0) Non-Resident Individual, seven (7) Non-Resident Family, and ninety-six (96) Resident Family Passes. Three (3) employee comp passes were renewed in December 2008.

Programs offered in December included gingerbread houses, breakfast with Ms. Claus, holiday crafts, and a Christmas story night. A doubles tennis league and a bonfire we’re also held in the month of December.

Eric told the committee that next year a New Year’s Eve event for families should be held. Many people inquired at the Recreation Center about something for families to do on New Years Eve.

B. Outdoor Recreation Report – Mr. Brooks asked about the need for the no parking for sled hill signs at town hall. A discussion was had about the signs and it was agreed for them to be removed.

Mr. Jelinski said they are trying a new approach to the sledding hill with lanes on top. During busy times one sledding hill operator will be at the top of the hill and one at the bottom. Mr. Pfohl said a sledding hill policies and procedures should be made. He also noted that garbage cans need to be added to the parking area across from the sledding hill.

Ms. O’neil asked about kayaking on Buckeye Lake. A discussion was had about kayaks and paddle boats on Buckeye Lake. The problem in the past was that you had to be so far from the water intake, but that it may be questionable. Mr. Jelinski said he would look into it further.

IV. Additional Business –

a. Fitness Center Pricing – Mr. Jelinski told the committee that there has been an increase in the number of participants for fitness classes since they have been

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included with the annual pass. It was unanimously decided to continue having fitness classes included with an annual pass.

- b. **Marketing Program Guide** – Mr. Jelinski said that the staff is currently working on a seasonal brochure with all of the summer programs. This should help with the marketing and awareness of programs at the Recreation Center. The idea is to send the recreation program guide with the water bills. Mr. Brooks asked to get information in the group sales area at Ski Beech.
- c. **Playground** – Mr. Jelinski stated the grant is almost done, but we currently don't have a detailed master plan for the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Jelinski stated a master plan will help secure grants and give order to projects.

It was decided that A Cool 5 proceeds this year will benefit the playground at Buckeye Lake.

Mr. Jelinski stated that there is approximately \$17,000 in the playground budget. Mr. Jelinski also brought up other possible options besides Leathers and Associates. Mr. Pfohl mentioned that a meeting needed to be set up with Mayor, Rick Owen to discuss the playground.

- d. **Fitness Center Age Limits** – Ms. O'Neil mentioned the age of participants allowed in the fitness center. Mr. Jelinski said he would research the age requirement for access to the fitness center.

V. *Adjourn* - The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Jelinski