

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 –6:00 PM
CITY HALL
MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioners Raelene Lyss, Bonnie Peterson, Cynthia White, George Graham, and Administrator Patty Hickel.

ABSENT: Commissioner Catherine Bernard

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Raelene Lyss.

2. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12, 2008 MINUTES**

The minutes of August 12, 2008 were read and approved.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

(No action or discussion may take place on any items brought up, but the items may be placed on next month's agenda for discussion)

There were no comments from the public.

4. **REPORT ON CONCEPTUAL PLAN OF POOL**

Administrator Hickel reported that she had not heard anything further from Mr. Coffman on the redrawing of the plan of the pool. She anticipates that she should receive something prior to the October commission meeting.

5. **RECREATION PROGRAM REPORT**

Administrator Hickel reported on the following recreation programs:

- Co-Ed Slow pitch has concluded for the year. Discussion was held on the umpiring this past season for all leagues.
- Sign ups are now being taken for Beginning Dance which is scheduled to begin Sept. 22nd
- Senior Citizen luncheon is being held twice a month as usual
- Flyers for Saturday Morning Basketball will be completed by the end of the month and distributed to the schools. Sign ups will continue throughout October and teams formed in November and play to begin in December.

Administrator Hickel reported that the Softball Association Board of Directors will be meeting the end of the month and discussion will be held on various areas in the league rules that need changing or clarified before next years league play. Staff will also be reviewing the rates that are charged for the rental of the softball complex. Staff is currently checking with surrounding areas to see what they charge for a private party to rent their softball fields, etc.

The five year lease agreement with the fairgrounds for the softball field area expired this June and City Manager Rob Hickey and Administrator Hickel met with Carolan Meek, CEO of the fairgrounds and discussed the new lease and fees. Ms. Meek has a committee comprised of her board members who she has met with and they have proposed starting January 1, 2009 \$5500 and every year thereafter an increase of \$250, this would also be a five year lease. Staff is currently finalizing the language in the lease and will present the proposed lease to City Council in October for their approval.

6. PARK WORK

Administrator Hickel reported that staff is continuing daily mowing and maintenance of parks. They just repair a major water leak in the irrigation system at the ballfield. Staff has discussed and decided that the installation of the new restroom at Will S. Green Park will not take place until spring due to other projects being planned in the fall and winter.

Final paper work for reimbursement from the State for the restroom at CD Semple park has been submitted and staff is working with the State rep to wrap that project up.

The pool has closed for the year and is currently drained. Staff did not want to expend funds for chemicals throughout the next three months and concern of mosquitoes were reasons why the pool was drained. Once the rainy season arrives the pool will be filled for the winter months.

Administrator Hickel reported that nothing further has taken place on the proposed entry monument signage project at 10th & Market. There was to be a workshop type meeting with the City Council September 16th but that has been postponed. Staff is going to recommend that a few public meetings be held and the Veteran's be contacted and have them all have input into what they would like to see in this project.

7. REPORT ON PARK AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Administrator Hickel reported that work is continuing on the Park and Recreation Master Plan. It is anticipated that a draft of the report will be available sometime in October.

8. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008.