

Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department
Thursday, December 8, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Parks Maintenance Building
185 Wolf Street, Yorkville, IL

Call to Order: Deb Horaz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Deb Horaz - yes; Mark Dilday – yes; Amy Cesich – yes; Dan Lane – yes; Gene Wilberg – no; Sash Dumanovic - no.

Introduction of City Official and Staff:

Tim Evans – Director of Parks and Recreation
Scott Sleezer – Superintendent of Parks
Shay Remus – Superintendent of Recreation
Ken Koch – Alderman
Joel Frieders – Alderman

Other Guests: None.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from October 13, 2016 are approved. Motion by Amy Cesich and seconded by Mark Dilday. Minutes approved.

Bills Review:

Bill List – November 10, 2016 – Informational purposes.

Bill List – December 8, 2016 – Informational purposes.

Budget Report – September 2016 – Informational purposes.

Budget Report – October 2016 – Informational purposes.

Old Business:

Review of Proposed Recreation Program Facility Drawings and Program Proposals – Tim said these are the drawings for the stand alone building. The city is working on some other options to bring to the table. Tim said one of the issues has been that some of the developers have not had time to help us as of yet. The city met with one developer that has some drawings. The city has other options that Tim wants to bring back to the board before making serious considerations.

Deb would like to see a personal basement in the building for storage. Tim said there will be a little bit of office space without doors and an area for staff. Tim said the city is running out of room now and there is a big need for more space for recreation. Tim said the biggest reason for this building is programming space, the city can find office space other places for employees, if needed. Dan has something that was submitted to him that he will bring for consideration.

Tim said that he would like to investigate if there are other buildings that are available the city could use. Tim said that he wants to make sure the city is doing its due diligence and looks at all options. Tim said he wants to get a recommendation to city council in the next couple months. There will be more details on the Beecher option at the next meeting.

New Business:

Hometown Days Festival Budget Report – Tim said the weather was great which helped. The city partnered with Cross Church and school and they did Friday and that brought another group of people out. Adding new activities helped, this year the church held a touch a truck. The city is starting to see local groups getting involved with hometown days. This year was very good financially.

Tim said the city has never done over \$50,000. Tim thinks that there was more people this year and the weather was perfect. The board asked about some different expenses this year. Tim asked about switching bands next year. The problem is there are only so many bands in the Chicagoland area – national bands are a huge expense. The board discussed the band options.

Tim said the church brought a lot of other people out on Friday night. The board discussed the different acts and how many people came out. It costs \$5,500 for High Fidelity. The Christian band was taken care of through Cross Church. The board discussed different local acts that could be an option in the future.

The numbers show that High Fidelity brings in very high numbers to cover the entire festival. Shay said that with High Fidelity, we know we will get the numbers we need. The city talked about using different kinds of music to appeal to different groups and different festivals.

Meeting Schedule for 2017 – The board agreed to keep the meeting date and time the same for the 2017 year. Motion to approve the calendar for 2017 made by Amy Cesich and seconded by Dan Lane. Unanimously approved.

Riverfront Park and Bristol Bay Grant Update Discussion – Tim said the testing is still going on with Riverfront Park. They city removed the dirt that was taken out when Scott put in the wall. The city has decided to move forward with the Bristol Bay Grant. EEI is helping with the skate park – in March or April work should begin on Bristol Bay. Tim said he doesn't know when the Riverfront issue will be resolved.

Dan asked if the playground will be moved. Tim said the city is thinking about moving it to a different location - the parking lot is as an option. There will not be issues with the grant, as long as the amenities stay the same. The board discussed where parking would be and how it would work. Scott said there will probably be another public meeting about the skate park.

Reports:

Parks – Scott said things are all going good.

Recreation – None.

Additional Business: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Amy Cesich and seconded by Mark Dilday. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
Lisa Godwin
Minute Taker