

The Parks and Recreation Commission, Berlin, WI is Called to Order 4:34, June 5, 2019, by Charlie Beard.

Roll Call:

Present: Glenn Hameister, Felicia Page, Charlie Beard, Victoria Hill, Kimberly Nikolai, and David Secora.

Absent: Jerry Bella

Also Present: Sara Nighbor, Scott Zabel

General Public Comments: None

Approval of the minutes:

A motion is made by David Secora to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting with the correction of the spelling of his name. Victoria Hill seconded. The motion passed.

Review and Approval of P&R Monthly Expenditure and Revenue Accounts:

A motion is made by Victoria Hill to approve the Parks and Recreation 2019 expenditure accounts, seconded by David Secora. The motion passed.

A motion is made by David Secora to approve the 2019 Parks and Rec revenue accounts, seconded by Victoria Hill. The motion passed.

Public Appearances: None

New Business:

A) Update on Proposed Kayak/Canoe Landing.

Community Development Director for City of Berlin, Lindsey Kemnitz, working on attracting young professionals to the downtown area. New discussion on the project that started around 5 years ago, but the grant process fell through due to lack of matching funds. The land was already donated for the purpose of a kayak landing south of the BFR, south of the bridge on the corner of Commercial St. They are looking to move forward once again with the Young Professionals and the Berlin Boat Club, who will be looking to raise \$31,500.00 with a matching grant for the cost of the project, which is to be ADA compliant.

Scott Zabel described a parking area, and a handicapped accessible approach with a walkway that leads to a landing which rises and falls with the river levels.

B) Discussion on Exploring Recreational Partnership Options with Boys & Girls Club. RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and if appropriate direct Staff to work with Boys & Girls Club to explore recreational partnership opportunities.

Jason Presto looking to partner with Parks and Recreation department to find opportunities for adults and children in the City of Berlin. They recently purchased land south of the Boys & Girls Club which they could possibly flesh out into something more community center oriented as opposed to just a storage shed.

A motion was made to recommend that Staff continue to engage in discussions with the Boys & Girls Club to explore recreational partnership opportunities by Victoria Hill. The motion is seconded by Felicia Page. The motion passes.

C) Presentation of Berlin Boat Club Advertisement.

Located in the Berlin Boat Club Corn Roast flyer.

D) Aquatic Center Pool Staffing Concerns.

RECOMMENDATION : Action as Appropriate.

Jason Wendt, Berlin Aquatic Center manager. Some concerns have arisen this year. Programs haven't changed much except the addition of Aqua Yoga. Hours will stay around the same, but staffing is down from 14 last year to 7 returning and 1 new guard this year. Need to staff for 354 hours per week. Obviously staffing is short of the need, and the class, registration and cost of the lifeguard certificate is a hindrance.

Discussion revolved around possibly offering a certification class at the BAC. Increase in lifeguard wages can incentivize them to apply. Nonetheless, the manager may be required to close up in late hours.

Old Business:

A) Bench competition update - Creation and Application for Artists.

2 of the 6 benches have been applied for and accepted. Hoping to have all benches painted by July 1st. With voting commencing then until October 1st, with the winner announced October 15th.

Placements could be in Volunteer Park, Berlin Locks, Mound St. Forsythe Park, Riverside Campgrounds, Longcroft Park.

Program Coordinator Report on Summer Registrations.

Sara Nighbor presented that Summer registration day- May 4th, 2019 - had a good turnout with over \$3,000.00 in registration fees. If you are signing up for a free class, remember to register.

Adjourn:

A motion is made by David Secora at 5:28 P.M. to adjourn. Seconded by Kimberly Nicolai. The motion passes.

Next Meeting Date - Wednesday July 3rd, 2019