

Minutes
Recreation Committee
February 1, 2021
5th committee meeting

Committee Members: Dale Black (Chair) via Zoom, Taft Matney, Michael Reynolds

Others Present: Recreation Director Bart Cumalander via Zoom, City Administrator Brandon Madden

1. Call to Order- Chairman Dale Black
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Recreation Committee Meeting: January 4, 2021

Action: Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Reynolds seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Recreation Director Bart Cumalander

i. Budget Review

Mr. Cumalander reported the budget looks good. An air unit and also a furnace for the downstairs room was purchased for the Senior Center a couple of months ago. Those were unanticipated expenses. Defibrillators were purchased for the Sports Center as well and will be located in the gym, Sports Center floor, and the exercise room.

Mr. Cumalander thanked the Recreation staff for taking temperatures when people come in the door. The gym and all other facilities are being sanitized after games and activities to keep everyone safe.

Spring sports registrations will be pushed out to mid-February. Mr. Cumalander said the paving company is a little behind on the City Park paving. Councilman Matney said the new Lacrosse coach at the high school would like to meet Mr. Cumalander to establish relations between Recreation's Lacrosse program and the high school's.

Councilman Reynolds said Andre and Willie have done a fantastic job to keep members as safe as possible during basketball season.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business

6. New Business

a. Sports Center Marketing Plan

The Sports Center has never had a marketing plan and the department is trying to increase membership. Recreation staff as well as Mr. Madden came up with the proposed plan and would like feedback from committee. Chairman Black thanked Mr. Cumalander for the effort. This

should help build revenue up for the Sports Center. Mr. Cumalander is going to go out with Van Broad to talk about the marketing.

Councilman Matney said the \$7500 for this plan can be requested in the upcoming budget. He sees this as a staff decision and he is in support of it.

This does not require Council action.

- b. Egg-Drop Event- Bart Cumalander said the Egg Drop is a great event that has really grown. He does not think staff would be able to help the crowd follow COVID restrictions as well as they should. Looking at other cities and what they are doing, staff is recommending the cancellation of the Easter Egg Drop this year. We would like to donate our leftover eggs to local churches for their events if they have them. Chairman Black agreed. The eggs can be donated to local churches. There is a lot of uncertainty surrounding COVID. Councilman Reynolds said we could also contact schools as well to see if they have need for some eggs. Councilman Matney agreed and said we are not at the point that we can hold it responsibly this year. The churches and some of the preschools would be good outlets for distributing the eggs. Councilman Matney said right now public schools are very tight on allowing access to their students from the outside community. Chairman Black said the fire department would also have some community contacts for egg distribution.

This does not require Council action.

7. Public Comment

Mayor Merritt applauded the Recreation Department for recognizing the uncertainty of COVID and canceling the egg drop this year. He said the churches have donated a lot of eggs to us over the years and it was good that we are trying to give back.

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjourn- Councilman Black adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk