

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, November 17, 2022, 9:30am

Logan River Golf Course Tournament Room

Present: Mayor Holly Daines, Ed Stephens, Russ Akina, Mike Wolford, Eric Eliason, Rachel Behm, Sylvan Needham, Ernesto Lopez, Tina Purintun, Ken Heare, Jake Powell, Nate Swartz, Debbie Harvey

Absent: Melissa Dahle, Dan Blakely

Approval of Minutes:

- Eric Eliason made a motion to approve the minutes from our October meeting. Mike Wolford seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

No Board Meeting in December:

- Reminder.

Department Christmas Luncheon:

- December 15th at 12pm. Will be held at the Logan River Golf Course Tournament Room.
- All Board members welcome to come.

Center Street Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony:

- Debbie went through the schedule with Board Members, information flyers were handed out.

Results of RAPZ Tax & Open Space Bond:

- Eric updated Board with results. Russ will reach out to Landis and invite him to our next Board meeting in January.
- Diversion from canal is used to cool Eccles Theatre. Phase 2 of Millcreek Apartments is stalled due to moving of the canal.

Update to Recreation Center Exit Plan:

- Russ updated Board Members on School District and Rec Center Exit plan proposal. The School District has accepted the counter proposal to continue existing agreement until June 2025. July 1st of that year, Rec Center will be under a Rental Agreement.
- While we operate during current arrangement, there will be some adjustments to programs as School begins to offer additional sports as per USHAA such as boys' volleyball.
- Will continue to try and navigate schedule as best we can to accommodate both student athletes and public use.
- Jake asked if there are talks of exiting the facility after 2023. Mayor stated there is currently no funding for a capital project such as a new rec center.
- She would like to visit other county rec centers with new County Council to begin the conversation.
- Board members expressed their personal experience with youth programs and how this exit plan and adjustment of programs to accommodate the school district will affect some youth.
- Mayor suggested talking to North Logan City about their RSL indoor facility.
- Board members agree the help of private entities would benefit Logan city in planning of new facility.
- Russ let board members know that school district already has plans to make changes to the facility such as south parking lot.

Proposed Fee Increases:

- Last meeting it was mentioned that some youth program fees will be taken to council to propose fee increases. Department will move forward and bring them to the January Council agenda for approval.

Parks Superintendent Report:

- Ed updated board on his staff's fall activities. Staff currently working on leaf clean up and winterization. No questions for him.

Recreation Superintendent Report:

- Junior Jazz going well. Nate would like for Board to be a voice for the youth that participate in our youth programs.
- Nate let board members know about current repairs and upgrades to lights at the Aquatic Center.
- Worried there will not be enough gym space as it is already difficult as it is. He believes the HS mindset is to push us out already. Adult teams currently signing up for Adult Basketball may not have gym space to play in.

Other Items:

- Board continued discussion regarding a county wide recreation facility.
- Jake asked what the board can do to help the transition.
- Board members expressed their opinions on the matter.
- RAPZ Tax should be looked at as an option.
- Will continue discussion in January and February.

Next Meeting: Department Christmas Luncheon

Location: Logan River Golf Course

Meeting Adjourned: 10:54 am

Minutes Submitted by: Gloria Chacon