

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, March 23, 2023, 9:30am

Logan River Golf Course Tournament Room

Present: Russ Akina, Mike Wolford, Jake Powell, Eric Eliason, Mayor Holly Daines, Tina Purintun, Rachel Behm,

Absent: Ernesto Lopez, Sylvan Needham, Ed Stephens

Guests: Debbie Harvey, Anna Moulding

Approval of Minutes:

- Jake Powell made a motion to approve the minutes from the February P&R Advisory Board Meeting. Mike Wolford seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written

URPA Award:

- Department was awarded 2023 Innovation Award for Leprechaun Chase event.

Leprechaun Chase Event:

- Anna Moulding is one of P&R department's coordinators.
- She was invited to the meeting to explain the Leprechaun Chase event that won award.
- Plaque was passed around to board members.
- Anna explained details about the Leprechaun Chase and the feedback she received from participants, local businesses and residents.
- This program was created in 2022.
- This year had a great turnout in comparison to last year.

Spring/Summer Leisure Guide:

- Debbie handed out the Spring/Summer Leisure Guide for members to review.
- She let board members know that we have just hired new coordinators with new "demo" programs that are not in the Leisure Guide yet. All information is be available online and social media.
- Mayor Daines suggested a direct link on front page of City's website. Debbie will add it on.
- Board members agree QR codes on pages in Leisure Guide are a great addition.
- Russ informed board members the high demand for soccer fields this season.

Proposed Fee Increases:

- Russ let board members know that proposed increases to Adult Basketball, youth track and special event fees were sent up to council last week.
- P&R Department offers roughly 750 services. Approximately 400 of those programs have fees attached. 5 fees were sent to Council.
- Dan went through the fees sent up to Council. (handouts were provided, see attached)
- Handout shows current fees and proposed fees along with other city's fees for comparison.
- Special Event proposed fee is to cover increase in demand for electricity usage for Pioneer Day for vendors.
- Department is trying to review and request increases on a 4-year schedule.
- Adult Basketball increase is to help cover increase in referee fees.
- There is a shortage of sports officials all over the valley.
- Board members wondered if fee could be increased a little higher; Mayor Daines will ask City Attorney about the Department proposing a one-time fee increase across the board based on CPI.
- Rachel asked if fee increases have affected registration numbers; Dan said no.
- Eric stated department should be sensitive to youth fee increases to allow all families to be able to participate in youth sports as it is such a benefit for youth.
- Anna explained fee waiver available for Logan City residents that allows up to 75% off *one* program.
- Russ said there are about 500 kids throughout the 6 schools registered in the After-School Programs.
- Board members discussed After School Club participants and how the program works and how fee increases may affect that demographic.

Parks Superintendent:

- Ed Stephens is absent. Russ gave report on his behalf.
- Russ updated Board members that parks staff has been extremely busy removing snow.
- Staff is also busy preparing all equipment for the season.
- Parks staff finally received a mower they have been waiting on for a year and a half.
- P&R staff helped fill sandbags.
- Mayor let them know there are 15,000 sandbags ready for use. Areas throughout Logan City are being closely monitored for flooding.
- Russ let them know some strategic locations where muscle wall will be used along Logan River by the golf course.
- Mayor Daines explained how residents can pick up sandbags at Public Works.

Recreation Superintendent Report:

- Dan explained to board members he is currently working on bid concessions for Aquatic center.
- Tennis court resurfacing
- In the process of purchasing new chlorinator for the pool. Also had to purchase new parts for diving board.
- Anna has been busy with Lifeguard applications.
- Chlorine prices have increased again this year.
- Pi Day 5 k has been delayed due to weather. Has been pushed to April 8th.
- Teen Tuesdays have been moved to Teen Thursdays. Gets 5-15 kids a week.
- Has hired 4 new coordinators. 3 are freshmen from USU. Great addition to our team.
- New Dodgeball league, Embroidery workshop, Ping Pong tournament, and youth triathlon coming up.
- Dan explained “Banana Ball” league which is a new twist on baseball.
- Easter egg hunt in Logan will be April 15th. Anna explained how it will run via clues posted on social media.
- Melissa would like Debbie to have access to neighborhood council members emails to send out information.
- Mayor Daines let board members know she had a meeting this week with 3 County council members and let her know the high demand for Recreation Center Facility usage from both residents and non-residents.
- Board members discussed necessity for new Rec facility and proposed locations.

Open Forum:

Nothing at this time.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2023

Location: Logan River Golf Course

Meeting Adjourned: 10:52 am

Minutes Submitted by: Gloria Chacon