RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
October 22, 2019 MEETING 6 PM
MINUTES

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In attendance: Ed Dypa, Matt Fraulino, Anthony Jaskot, Sue Laribee, Win Lee, Phil Pessina
Absent: Mary Bartolotta, Akbar Coffy, Salvatore Uccello, Lincoln Everest
Staff: Cathy Lechowicz, Director

AGENDA:
Call Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order at 6pm.

Approval of the Minutes: Ed Dypa made a motion to approve the minutes, Tony Jaskot seconded. Unanimously approved.

Public Hearing: No Comments

Department Reports:
Building Updates:
- Envelope specialist (Hoffman Architects) who provided the initial report will be engaged to provide more detailed specifications for the project to go out to bid and provided.
  Will utilize the remaining funds from the original project to pay for this project.
  Internal damage will be covered by insurance.
  Geothermal upgrades will be moving forward – the project will be about $50,000

Program Updates
Senior division
- Open Enrollment will be a very busy time for our municipal agent and we’re bringing in other counselors to assist citizens in November and December.
- Programs continue to be successful, today we had Rita’s African Show which was very well received.

Recreation Division
- Fall Festival was this past weekend and very successful. It was probably the highest participation the department has ever seen, at least 1500 people. Suggest having the Health Department participate – both for toothbrushes and for neighborhood safety.
- Already planning and visioning for the new recreational space. Recreation has never had a dedicated space so it will be great for programming. It will also provide more room for the Senior division.

OLD BUSINESS:
Meeting Date and Time – this is something we will revisit after the election when we have the new councilmembers assigned. Current chair recommended having a vice-chair in the future so that person can cover in case the chair can’t attend a meeting.
Minimum Wage – no real movement at the moment; we will discuss during budget season. This issue will be included in a transition report to the new administration as an area of concern.
National Fitness Campaign Fitness Court – in collaboration with Wesleyan. No significant update at this time. Public Works is the lead.
Veteran’s Pool – there is significant need for the pool to be upgraded or replaced. Public Works discussed this and is engaging Malone and McBroom to look at the project and the needs. The pool will have to be closed for one summer, it is a matter of figuring out when. Options were discussed to fill the void including Crystal Lake, MHS, and Wesleyan.

NEW BUSINESS:
Building Committee Meeting Minutes – verifying and demonstrating that the Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Public Works Department, has the ability to access the remaining funds from the Senior and Recreation Center building fund. (See below)
Skating Rink – moving the location to Veteran’s Park. A more permanent, concrete base is currently under construction. It’s better for the synthetic surface to remain intact rather than be assembled and disassembled each year. The location is more enclosed/protected and families can also go sledding. A suggestion of food trucks was raised. There was a discussion around parking and also where public works will dump their snow.

MISCELLANEOUS:
Two members’ terms have expired – Ed Dypa and Sal Uccello. Ed agreed to serve another term. Director Lechowicz will reach out to Sal to see if he is interested in continuing.

ADJOURNMENT:
Ed Dypa made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 pm; Sue Laribee seconded. All in favor.