

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Rapid City Swim Center – Conference Room
July 15, 2008

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 with the following members present: Chairman Van Lindquist, Vice Chairman Jim Smoragiewicz, Wes Storm, Chuck Tinant and Sheri Zimmer. Also present were, City Council Liaison Karen Gunderson Olson, Parks and Recreation Director Jerry Cole, Parks Division Manager Lon Van Deusen, Bike Walk Run Committee Liaison Frank Matejck, and Administrative Assistant Jeri Taton.

Motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Storm and carried to approve the Advisory Board minutes of May 8 and May 28, 2008.

The agenda was modified by deferring action on the following items until the next Advisory Board meeting:

- Liaison Reports
- Wilderness Park Project Update
- Director's Report

Meadowbrook Golf Course Home Club

Motion was made by Storm, seconded by Tinant and carried to approve the 2008 Meadowbrook Golf Course Home Club Application for Jim Silbernagel.

Naming Rapid City Bike Path

Director Cole explained that the Board received a request from Mayor Hanks to name the bike path after long-time Public Works Director Leonard Swanson who passed away in April of this year. Steve Swanson and Becky Swanson Jones were present at the meeting. In order to speak on this issue, Van Lindquist relinquished the chair. Lindquist stated that it is his privilege to move that the bike path be named after former Public Works Director Leonard "Swanny" Swanson. The motion was seconded by Storm. Smoragiewicz asked for comments on the motion.

Lindquist stated that he knew Swanson for a very long time and was fortunate to work with him after the 1972 Flood. This was a very hard job and Swanson steered a straight course which was something that was needed in the community. He was also instrumental in defeating an initiated measure in 1996 which called for selling a portion of the floodway property for private development. Swanson and Lindquist co-chaired the Survivors to Save the Floodway group which worked to defeat the initiated measure. That group operated under three themes:

- There were promises to be kept
- A public trust to be protected, and
- Park lands are precious

This worked into the slogan, "Keep the promise, keep the park." The initiated measure was defeated and the parkland was not sold for development. Swanson always felt that City had a stewardship responsibility to protect our citizens in this area. Lindquist also read a letter from Swanson opposing the sale of a portion of the flood plain in 1996.

Cole explained that this is a recommendation only and will be forwarded to the Legal & Finance Committee for consideration at their meeting on Wednesday, July 30th.

Upon vote being taken, the motion to name the bike path former Public Works Director Leonard "Swanny" Swanson was unanimously approved

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.