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Rapid City Parks, Recreation and Golf Advisory Board
Monday, May 10, 2004, 4:30 PM
Roosevelt Park Ice Arena

Present: Bill Waugh, Wes Storm, Tom Allen, Hugh Welsh, Lon Van Deusen, Jerry Cole, Doug Lowe, JR Hamblet and Debbie Ellerton

Prior to the meeting Duncan took the group on a tour of the new Rapid City Swim Center.

Old Business:

Wes Storm gave a Golf Course Subcommittee Report:

Concession Lease: Dick Ragels wants to put up a nice sign. He is waiting for approval from Planning. He took over cleaning the bathrooms on May 1st.

The question still remains on who is going to pay for the outside lights?

1. Security for the carts
2. Security for Pro Shop
3. Security for Restaurant

Jerry recommended charging per square foot on a contract. Bill recommended dividing at a ¼ City, ¼ Pro Shop & ½ Food and Beverage, several others agreed. Wes was going to work with JJ on getting BH Power and Light out to read the meters.

The bids for the cart barn came in at \$139,100. The cost to stabilize the soft soil is \$8200. Pat Vidal who financed this project has agreed to add this to the loan. The simplest way would be to amend the contract. The City Attorney is checking into this. The closing on the Cart Barn will be on Friday.

Golf Sub-Committee: The Golf Course Advisory committee has been disbanded. Members can be an appointed sub-committee from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Advisory Board recommended that it consist of two men and two women from the golf association along with Hugh Welsh and Wes Storm.

Golf staff have received some complaints about the looks of the compound – City has responded in a letter to the neighbors saying that we are starting on our comprehensive planning for long term beautification and we will look at the compound now to see what we can do in the short term.

Jerry passed out a financial report of the Pro Shop at Meadowbrook. Season pass sales are up. A copy is attached.

JR reported that they have a lot of new trees being planted. Their assistant, Aaron, has left to take the head job at the Elks Golf Course. Because of a problem in the computer program for sales, the three different tax tables are not being computed accurately. JR has been paying the shortages.

Recreation CIP Sub Committee Report

Sherry Zimmer did a written report for the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee. A copy is attached.

Comprehensive Plan: Jerry announced that the Department would be doing a comprehensive Plan for Parks, Recreation & Golf that will take about 18 months to complete. There will be neighborhood meetings to find out what the citizens want and need. They will be doing an inventory of the facilities and programs. It will become the guiding document for the Department. The first series of meetings will probably begin in October and pick up again in February. They will also conduct a City-Wide Survey.

Playground update: The Playground Report was done one year ago. A copy of the summary is attached.

Star of the West Complex Playground Equipment: Even though the Softball Association installed the playground equipment without approval of the City, the City may have a liability issue. Neither the City nor the Softball Association has the funds to replace the equipment. Recommending removal by the 1st of January.

New Business:

The water pumps at the Executive Golf Course went out. They are waiting on the controls. New pumps were approximately \$17,641.

Skate Park Update: The deposits of trash, living room furniture and graffiti are an issue that needs to be addressed, along with broken benches, etc. Lon and Jerry are working with Dex Whitman from the County to implement changes. Parks will be putting up a gate, which will be locked at night, adding security lights, the Parks Department will clean and remove graffiti on a regular basis, Port-A-Pots will be secured at night, looking into more police patrols, and meeting with the kids on a regular basis.

Other Business:

Doug mentioned that city employees have asked him if the city will give employee discounts for the Recreation season passes like they do for Golf Season Passes. The committee felt that it would only be fair to do it for all or none. Currently City Employees are paying a $\frac{3}{4}$ rate for golf season passes.

Bill Waugh announced that Ray Hadley would be the Council Liaison for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee until July. Bill will also attend the next meeting; which will be our last meeting for the summer.

The Mayor will present Van Lindquist with an individual citation award from the Midwest Region Parks and Recreation Association at the City Council Meeting on Monday, May 17th.

Ice Arena: Doug distributed a financial report for the Ice Arena. Attached is a copy. With the hockey moving out of the facility, Recreation is going to program more open skate and youth hockey. Recreation is looking into adding indoor in-line hockey, soccer, and other dry floor events during the time the ice arena is closed. The only additional costs will be lights. There are staff that will be working in the facility through the summer.

Lon mentioned that he did an interview for the news media on the Prairie Dogs at Parkview Softball Complex and that the mosquito program started last week. He will be doing a presentation at the Public Works meeting on Tuesday on the Mosquito program.

Jerry discussed the budget meetings coming up and what changes he proposed for the Department.

The planned opening date is June 2 for the outdoor aquatics facilities.

The next meeting will be June 8th, which is the Park, Recreation & Golf Tours. An invitation is attached.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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