

Recreation Commission Minutes
Monday April 22, 2024 6:30pm Work Session

Members Present: Briggs, Brubaker, Hanna, Ganim, and Lazaridis

Members Absent: Boulware, Gawlik

Also Present: Mayor Kingston, Rachele Engle, Jamie Mewhinney, and Carolyn Jatsek

This meeting was called to discuss Recreation Needs and the review of the 5 year plan put together last year.

Mayor Kingston brought to the table conversations about options for the pickleball grant. The grant that the City received is not nearly enough money to build completely new courts. The City currently is entertaining two in house options that can be done with the funding to establish some outdoor pickleball courts.

The two options that were suggested was to line the City Tennis Courts for dual tennis and pickle ball and have certain days scheduled for tennis and certain days scheduled for pickleball as a shared facility. The second option was to dual purpose the outdoor basketball court at Kids Quarters. A lengthy discussion was had by commission weighing the pros and cons of both locations. Commission was split on which location was a better option, and asked for some further clarification about the Kids Quarters location.

One area of Recreation needs that was discussed was new fitness equipment. Funding for fitness equipment had been coming from corporate membership and sponsorships. Corporate Memberships have decreased since COVID and not bounced back. Lubrizol has also quit donating an annual amount toward corporate membership which has greatly decreased the amount of money the department has gotten for equipment. The Cybex machines in the cardio room are original to the opening of Human Services which was almost 20 years ago. There are many cardio machines that need to be replaced. Discussions was had by commission, including looking into an option to lease equipment like some other fitness centers do.

The 5 year plan that had been put together last year was handed out and briefly reviewed.

Adjournment: Motioned by Ganim, seconded by Hanna at 7:28pm