
MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Sarah Goldsmith at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT

Jason Lang, Jon Scherbring, Nathan Huebner, Sarah Goldsmith, Casey Frye

ABSENT

Megan Scherrman, Matt Monahan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Goldsmith asked for review and approval of the agenda. Motion made by Huebner, seconded by Lang.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Huebner, Goldsmith, Frye

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Meeting Minutes - October 11, 2023

Goldsmith asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Huebner, seconded by Lang.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Huebner, Goldsmith, Frye

Motion Carried

2. Receive & File Director's Report - October 2023

Goldsmith asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Scherbring, seconded by Huebner.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Huebner, Goldsmith, Frye

Motion Carried

3. Receive & File Director's Report - November 2023

Goldsmith asked for comments or changes and there were none. Motion made by Scherbring, seconded by Huebner.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Huebner, Goldsmith, Frye

Motion Carried

4. Soccer 2024 - All Female League

Huehnergath sent a survey monkey to get feedback on instituting an all-girls league. Some of the coaches from other towns are disappointed that some of the girls get pushed aside and then end up quitting prematurely. Currently, there are more girls than guys on the 7th & 8th grade in Dyersville; however, other towns tend to lose the girls. Higher grades don't see as many girls playing forward. Huehnergath reached out to the other communities and they seem willing to give it a shot. He would like have 6th - 8th grade girls be involved. This first season he plans to have 4 games on a weekday (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) and play 9 on 9 and use smaller fields. Girls would be allowed to enroll in girls, co-ed or both. It was questioned whether or not the boys would have their own league as well. It was decided that we would experiment with the girls first and go from there. We would start the league mid-August and play at 6 pm and 7:30 pm. Usually religion classes don't start until September, so this shouldn't interfere. Goldsmith would like this to be presented again on the next agenda to revisit. Huehnergath will also be sending them results from the survey monkey.

5. Aquatic Center Hours of Operation

Huehnergath is looking at changing the pool hours. Closing at 5 pm and reopening at 6:30 pm is not efficient. We have a very slim crowd at night to swim for this short time and we sell limited concessions during this time. Many of the lifeguards don't drive so they are required to punch out and sit and wait until they can punch back in. We would need to see how swimming lessons would be affected by this. Huehnergath would like the pool to stay open until 7:00 pm without the break from 5 pm - 6:30 pm. He also mentioned having water aerobics at night. Also, maybe doing the swimming lessons at 7 pm. Goldsmith would like this item be revisited at the next meeting.

6. National Fitness Campaign

Goldsmith sent the information on the National Fitness Campaign, a public-private wellness partnership to build fitness courts, to some other athletic individuals. They all thought it would be a great option. The City Administrator and Mayor are also on board with the idea. Huehnergath was looking at placing it in the area where the current Kindergarten soccer fields are located. We need a place that has parking and is ADA compliant. Huehnergath needs a committee to get this going. The approximate cost is \$175,000. We could reach out to other health-minded entities for funds (i.e. hospitals). Huehnergath would like to get the cost down to about \$50,000. We will also look for grants to help support this.

Scherbring stated that some of our residents think our parks are outdated. This may be a good time to update our current items and add this at the same time. Huehnergath thinks this could be a good selling point for people looking to move to our community. He has a meeting set for January 3, 2024 to meet with some instructors and individuals involved in programs to keep people active. There is currently one of these fitness courts in Clinton and one will be installed in Emmetsburg this summer. Goldsmith would like this added to the next agenda. She will do some research. This town could benefit from something more fitness based.

7. Commission Member Comments

Goldsmith announced that they had very good feedback regarding their inaugural Run Run Rudolph event. They have already booked it for next year on December 7th. It will be on the first Saturday of December every year. She would like members from the Parks & Recreation

Commission to volunteer to help with the parade. She would also like to see the Parks & Recreation Commission to pay part of the fee for the equipment for the race. This year they were given a discount and it cost around \$800. They had 110 runners this year.

Scherbring brought up that the playground equipment needs to be updated to be accessible to kids with autism. He had been contacted by a city resident regarding this.

8. Set Next Meeting Date for Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 P.M. on a motion made by Scherbring, seconded by Frye.

Voting Yea: Lang, Scherbring, Huebner, Goldsmith, Frye

Motion Carried

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