

ROSSFORD PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE(MINUTES FOR 10/27/14)

In Attendance: Gerry Anthony, Dawn Burks, Greg Marquette, Ivan Kovacevic, Toby Ledesma
Larry Oberdorf, Ken Sutter, Caroline Zuchowski-Eckel

Old Business

-Ivan informed the rec board that the bid documents have been prepared and the sealed bidding process is under way for the shingled roof above the Senior Center and Meeting Rooms. The final decisions will then go back to council for a vote to move forward with the project.

-Ivan suggested that the rec board hold an extended brainstorming session some time in the near future to fully dedicate to examining the options Ivan provided in a packet a few months ago. The board agreed to meet on a Saturday morning sometime soon. Ivan planned to email the board members with potential dates. This will allow for some discussion on where to go in the future and provide Ivan with some direction on where to proceed with planning towards future growth.

-The Rec Board reviewed the information and potential rate increases provided by Ivan. After some discussion, it was voted on and recommended that the membership rates be increased the proposed 15% across the board. This would be the first increase in 3 years and be done to keep up with rising utility costs, staffing costs, health care costs, vendor costs, and other increased costs of operation. In doing so, as a way of providing an additional benefit to members as in past years when rates went up, additional hours of operation would also be added to benefit members, with some hours adjusted throughout the year to adjust to peak times of usage and slower times of usage.

-The Rec Board also approved a proposal to modify the guest policy to a standard \$5 entry fee for all ages and admission to the facility permitted for nonmember Rossford Residents at the \$5 entry fee (and proof of residency). In addition to that, each adult and family member would be issued a limited amount of permits a year to share with nonmembers that would allow them to come in as their sponsored guests at the standard \$5 guest fee and use of that permit. This would address concerns we had in previous years while not being so restrictive as to not allow any guests for some of our responsible members.

New Business

-Ivan informed the board that we were awarded a grant from the Wood County Park district to install electrical and lighting into the pavilions at Vet's Park

-A discussion took place about this year's Haunted Trail at Island View as well as ideas on how to improve it in future years

-Ivan discussed both his and Toby's involvement with area organizations. Ivan discussed his involvement in the Rossford Business Association and that he will be stepping into the Vice Present role in the near future. Toby discussed his involvement in the ESSL Soccer league and his increasing responsibilities in a leadership position there, representing Rossford.

Motion to Adjourn