

EPHRATA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

March 24, 2014

Ephrata Parks Commission met on March 24, at 12:06pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. Commission members present: Jay Mills, Anita Waller, Suzanne Dunn, Paul Harrison and Jenny Sieg. City staff present: Director, Ray Towry; Recreation Coordinator, Carrie Sawyer; Park maintenance; Rod Virden and Jeff Allen. EHS Representatives; Catherine Scellick & Nate Elliott.

I. Call to Order:

- a. Called the meeting to order at 12:05pm and confirmed present commission members.

II. Additions and Corrections to Agenda:

- a. V(c). Splash Zone Private Rental Rates.

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a. February 24th minutes. Motion to approve as amended (Waller/Mills m/s). Motion Carried.

IV. Citizen Correspondence/Propositions:

- a. Trails committee: February 3, 2014.

V. Consideration of Action/Information Items:

- a. NYSCA- Sawyer reported that she will be looking into options on how assistant coaches can become members of the NYSCA. She explained the course can be taken online or in person. Towry reported it would cost the City around \$400.00 dollars per year. Mills commented that might look into an organization called, "Positive coaching alliance" for training.
- b. Doug Miller Memorial Tree- Towry reported that he would be in contact with the Miller family to decide on a date for the ceremony.
- c. Splash Zone Private Rentals- Towry reported on a hand out showing the average cost per hour for private rentals. Commission members asked about ways to cut costs and keep the rental fee the same. Dunn asked about the possibility of have the private rental party employ their own party to eliminate costs. Towry reported because of legality issues it wasn't a possibility. Commission members asked Sawyer and Towry to come back with a utilities report to send to them.

VI. Special Event Permit:

- a. "Autism Awareness Walk." Saturday, May 14, 2014. (Dunn/Waller m/s) Motion Carried.
- b. Columbia Basin Hospital "Dash of Color" Fun Run. Saturday May 31. (Waller/Harrison? m/s) Motion Carried.
- c. Ephrata Fire Department, "Touch-a-Truck." May 17, 2014. (Harrison/Dunn m/s) Motion Carried.
- d. Grant Elementary, "Bike Rodeo" April 10/11. (Sieg/Dunn m/s) Motion Carried.
- e. Rotary Club Annual "Easter Egg Hunt." April 19. (Sieg/Waller m/s) Motion Carried.

VII. Commissioner Questions and Comments:

- a. none.

VIII. Director's Report:

- a. Splash Zone 2014
 - i. Towry and Sawyer informed members that Splash Zone applications are being accepted and could be found online.
 - ii. Sawyer reported on BOLD spring break day camp being the week of, March 31st-April 4th. She also reported that the City's annual Easter egg hunt would be on April 18th at Lion's Park at 7:30pm. Towry and Sawyer reported that they would be integrating 5th grade the hunt. Sawyer reported on a donation from Wal-Mart of three iPod Nano's for this event.

IX. Adjourn: Mills adjourned the meeting 12:43pm Next meeting will be on April 28th, 2014.

Approved this _____ day of 2014.

Jay Mills, Chair

Carrie Sawyer, Commission Secretary