

EPHRATA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

February 22, 2016

Ephrata Parks Commission met on February 22, at 12:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. Commission members present: Jay Mills, Mike Huebner, Sarah Morford, Rebecca Lybbert and Susana Maceda. City staff present: Recreation Coordinator, Carrie Hoiness. Maintenance: Jeff Allen.

I. Call to Order:

- a. Mills called the meeting to order at 12:05pm and confirmed present Commission members.

II. Additions and Corrections to Agenda:

- a. Motion to excuse Jenny Sieg & Scott Davis. (Morford/Lybbert). Motion Carried.

III. Approval of Minutes:

- a. January 25, 2016 (Lybbert/Maceda). Motion Carried

IV. Citizen Correspondence/Propositions:

- a. Trail Committee Minutes.
- b. Spring Mayer: Non Resident Fee. Spring Mayer and Brandy Boyd discussed frustrations with the non-resident fee for all recreation programs. They expressed concern that recreation programs were suffering in participation due to the increased cost for non-residents. Towry and Hoiness reported on a handout that showed the participation trend over the past several years. Commission members said they would not make any action today but look further into the matter.

V. Consideration of Action/Information Items:

- a. Smoke/Vape Free Parks/Trails: W. Brzezny, GCHD- Brzezny reported on different sign options to post in Parks.
- b. Linda Ridge Loop pocket park: B. Sangster, Public Works Director- Sangster reported on the status of parks and that City plans to put in a kiosk in the parks. Commission members asked to see the parks in person to get a better visual on the updated the status.
- c. Autism Sign Update: J. Sieg, Vice Chair- Towry reported that the sign is still in the early stages of being made with the help of Big Bend Community College.
- d. Park Clean Update: R. Virden, Parks Foreman- Towry asked members if April 22nd would be a possible date to have the clean up.

VI. Special Event Permit:

- a. Community Easter Egg Hunt: March 26, 11:30 a.m. @ Lion's Park

VII. Commissioner Questions and Comments:

- a. Open

VIII. Director's Report:

- a. Beverage RFP Update- Towry reported that the City has come to an agreement with Pepsi, City Council approved a contract.
- b. Splash Zone Re-Surface update- Towry reported that the resurfacing for the pool is on schedule and Rod is getting ready to do prep work.
- c. Program Report: Recreation Coordinator, C. Hoiness-
 - i. Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance- Hoiness reported that the event made a profit this year and was able to utilize the Walmart grant and purchase decorative lights, chargers, cooking/baking supplies, decorations and supplies. She also reported on program surveys and possible changes for the following year.
 - ii. Basketball Programs (Lil' Tigers, Boys/Girls basketball)- Hoiness reported that Lil' Tigers half time performance went really well and had a high turnout. She also reported that youth basketball programs had finished for the season.

IX. Adjourn: Mills adjourned the meeting 1:11pm. Next meeting will be on March 28, 2016.

Approved this _____ day of 2016.

Jay Mills, Chair

Carrie Hoiness, Commission Secretary