

**CITY OF ELKHORN
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 26, 2011**

Ken Reynolds called the meeting of the Advisory Board to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ken Reynolds, Bruce Lechner, Laurie Kyle, and Donna Neshek.

Also Present: Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Simons

Not Present: Kathy Loveless, Ron Dunwiddie, and Nancy Liebnow.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Donna Neshek motioned to approve the December minutes and was seconded by Bruce Lechner. The motion was carried by the majority present.

NEW BUSINESS

- Introduce New Member
 - Laurie Kyle was welcomed to the Recreation Advisory Board by the fellow members.
- Discussion regarding issues surrounding the department
 - Due to the current cut-backs in government spending that are being projected, the board, together with the director need to decide which departmental issues are going to be prioritized and what is going to have to wait.
 - The director provided each of the board members with a memo which details what he believes to be the most pertinent issues that need to be addressed from all areas within the department. He is asking the board members to review the memo and contribute any feedback they may have.
- Athletic Field Usage Policy
 - In the future, there is the possibility that outside organizations may begin to have to start paying a fee to use our fields. To make sure we are prepared, a policy should be put into place. Copies of Athletic Field Usage Policies from other municipalities have been provided for the board members.
 - The director is requesting that each of the board members review the policies and have feedback ready for the next meeting.
- Policy for Baseball/Softball Ages
 - The director is asking the opinion of the board if a policy should be put into place that will allow for children to move up one age level. For example: If your child turns 8 during the season, and they want their child to move up to the next level, that will be allowed.
 - The board agreed that a policy should be put into place. The director will create a policy.
- Meeting with High School-Baseball/Softball Fields

- A meeting has not yet been scheduled. Sam Tapson and Greg Wescott have discussed that they would wait until after the State of the State Address to see exactly what took place.
- The board members are requesting that they be made aware of the meeting time and location so they can attend.
- Background Checks on Coaches
 - The director is questioning what types of penalties should prohibit individuals from being able to coach the youth baseball/softball teams.
 - The director is going to talk with our insurance provider to see if there is a policy in place that we should be abiding by.
 - The director is also going to talk to Delavan and Whitewater to see what their policy is.
 - A coach's clinic is going to be implemented in that each coach will have to attend.
- Coach Pitch Rules
 - Complaints have been made that coach pitch is not challenging enough for all children.
 - It was discussed that it is not an issue with the rules, but the coaches.
 - This is an issue that might be resolved with the implementation of a coaches meeting.
- Handout CORP
 - The CORP needs to be approved and then it will be underway.
 - It was suggested that copies of the CORP be given to the local attorneys and estate planners with the hopes that people will give donations.
- Soccer Complex Addition
 - The Elkhorn Soccer Club went in front of the City Council requesting assistance with the project. It was decided that if they are able to come up with half of the \$90,000 that is needed to fund their project then we will consider funding the other half of the project.
 - It was stated that a concession area is needed at the soccer complex.
- Sponsorship Policy (Hardship Policy)
 - Over the past few years there have been a handful of requests each year requesting assistance to pay for the registration fees.
 - The biggest question that needs to be answered with this would be how it would be funded.
 - If this policy was put into place it would not be publicized, and would be considered on a case by case basis.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by (Bruce Lechner/Donna Neshek) at 7:30 p.m. The motion was carried by the majority present.

The next meeting will be March 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.