

**CITY OF ELKHORN
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
JULY 27, 2011**

Ken Reynolds called the meeting of the Advisory Board to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ken Reynolds, Bruce Lechner, Laurie Kyle, Donna Neshek, Ron Dunwiddie, Kathy Loveless and Nancy Liebnow.

Also Present: Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Simons, Robert Slauson, Rebecca Slauson, Matt Dahlgren and Tom Griffin.

NEW BUSINESS

- Swimming Pool
 - City residents spoke regarding their concerns about the possible closing of the pool. Comments were made about what a vital asset the pool is to the residents, and what a loss it would be to the City for it to close.
 - On average, 12,000-13,000 individuals visit the pool per year.
 - Ideas were discussed for fundraising to build a new pool.
 - A group is being formed that will work to fundraise for a new pool.
 - A website was created to establish where public opinion stands regarding the future of the pool.
 - Ron Dunwiddie will inquire about putting together a non-binding referendum regarding building a new pool.
 - Season memberships increased by \$2000 for the 2011 season.
- Parks & Recreation Directors Report
 - 2011-2012 Budget has been submitted to the City Council for approval
 - The Fall-Winter Recreation Brochure has been submitted to the printer. It will be distributed in the August 14th edition of the Sunday Shopper.
- 2012 Budget
 - 2012 Budget numbers stayed equal with 2011 numbers.
 - The director has budgeted for the pool to open during the 2012 summer season.
- Youth Baseball/Softball
 - The second season of the Elkhorn Parks and Recreation Department being part of the Cactus League was just completed. It was deemed a successful season by the director.

- A pitching machine was purchased by the department and utilized by many of the leagues.
- Elkhorn Fund
 - The Elkhorn Fund approached Ken Reynolds and asked him to provide a list of needs/wants for the department.
 - A list will be generated and submitted to the Elkhorn Fund.
- Adopt an Ash Tree/Forestry Guidelines
 - The director approached the idea of implementing an “Adopt an Ash Tree Program” to the board.
 - The City currently has over 212 Ash trees on the terraces alone that could be affected by Emerald Ash Bore.
 - Once Emerald Ash Bore enters Walworth County, it will need to be decided if the trees will be cut-down, or if they will be chemically treated.

OLD BUSINESS

- Paul Manriquez contacted Ken Reynolds inquiring about the proposed baseball facility usage/maintenance meeting between himself, the director, Ken Reynolds, Dean Wilson, Sam Tapson and Greg Wescott.
 - The director will check with Sam Tapson regarding the status of the meeting.
- It was mentioned that Kathy Loveless and Nancy Liebnow, who are approaching the end of their second term, will need to take a one year leave according to the ordinance pertaining to recreation advisory board members.
 - The particulars of the ordinance will be addressed with Mayor Howie Reynolds.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by (Bruce Lechner/Donna Neshek) at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 28, 2011 at 7:45 p.m.