

Lombard Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Recreation Committee
Sunset Knoll Recreation Center
Tuesday, September 8, 2009
7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Roberts at 7:03 pm. Upon roll call being taken the following were present:

Commissioners: John Bielenda, Commissioner
 Tim Gunn, Commissioner
 Mike Kuderna, Commissioner
 Char Roberts, Commissioner

Absent: Keith Giagnorio, President
 Kathy Hogan, Commissioner
 Janice Mills, Commissioner

Staff: Paul W. Friedrichs, Executive Director
 Rick Poole, Deputy Director
 Jacquelynn C. Brzezinski, Administrative Assistant

Deputy Director Poole presented the Seasonal Participation figures for spring and summer of 2009. Commissioner Bielenda requested that the reports reflect a consistent comparison regarding the absence of swim lessons in 2008. Deputy Director Poole mentioned the popularity of the teen Summer Swim Soiree program. He also mentioned that the overall camp numbers have declined this summer. Executive Director Friedrichs stated that this is consistent with other area districts and the economy. Deputy Director Poole added that the adult leagues are doing well. Commissioner Gunn inquired as to whether there were any patterns staff had noticed per the Class Cancellation report. Deputy Director Poole responded that Fine Arts and Music are hit or miss. Commissioner Roberts asked how fall registration was doing and Deputy Director Poole answered that it was too early to tell. Next, the Fitness Center was discussed. Deputy Director Poole added that \$5,000 was spent upgrading existing equipment and that the 2010 budget may include new equipment as well.

Next, the recreation program evaluations were discussed. Commissioner Roberts requested that class size and return rates be included on the reports. Regarding the swim lessons, Commissioner Gunn noted concern over the amount of comments relating to parent observation of the swim lessons. Deputy Director Poole explained that parents can be a distraction to the students learning experience.

After that, Deputy Director Poole reported that staff is updating the Affiliate Guidelines. One of the stipulations included that there is only one competing sport per group. Regarding the Flames request, Deputy Director Poole explained that there is limited field space. New teams must be register as conditional members to obtain a consensus from the Board of Commissioners. Additionally they must meet the District's policy on background checks. Deputy Director Poole is considering adding a clause that requires any Activity for Gain to be approved by the District.

Lastly, Commissioner Bielenda suggested that a clause be added for the District's permission needed if the group is to increase participation.

Then, the Committee discussed Commissioner Hogan's Memo regarding the Affiliate Guidelines. To begin, Executive Director Friedrichs mentioned a standardized contract (#3) for Affiliates. Deputy Director Poole responded that most groups have a Memo of Agreement on file. Next the committee discussed (#6) Residency Requirement. Deputy Director Poole explained that it is 50% + 1. Commissioner Gunn requested that staff find out what other districts require. Executive Director Friedrichs will follow-up at a future meeting.

Executive Director Friedrichs reported that although Paradise Bay is officially closed, water will be kept in the pools for awhile until repairs are noted. The bowl slide needs maintenance as well. Approximately 67,000-68,000 visitors attended Paradise Bay this summer. A few of the patrons complained of the water temperature this season. There is also disgruntled swimmer complaints about not being able to swim laps in the dive pool. Mid-day Open Adult Swim was offered the last two weeks of the season.

Next, Deputy Director Poole presented a few conceptual designs of area concrete skate parks. The committee discussed the pros and cons of skate parks. The committee asked staff to put this topic on the agenda for the meeting in November.

Executive Director Friedrichs announced that Dean Styburski will return to the park district on September 23, 2009.

There being no further business, Commissioner Bielenda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. Commissioner Gunn seconded the motion. On a call for the vote, four ayes; (Bielenda, Gunn, Kuderna, Roberts).

Respectfully submitted,

Paul W. Friedrichs
Secretary

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