

Minutes – 2/20/2018

Present:

Danny Hein (Chair), Wayne Rundell (Vice-Chair)

Greg Copeland, Bob Hurring, Heather Layton, Cody Owen, Kevin Smith

Staff: Jonathan Griffin, Jared Mull

1.) Call To Order

Chairman Danny Hein called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

2.) Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the January 2018 meeting and approved them unanimously.

3.) Old Business

a.) Silvermont Master Planning Process Update:

Interim Director Jonathan Griffin gave the Parks and Recreation Commission an update regarding the process of issuing a request for proposals and invited comment on the document as presented to the commission.

Cody Owen asked the question for the purpose of completing a master plan if there was a possibility that it wouldn't be funded. Jonathan replied that there is accountability in having a plan – it gives a specific list of things that weren't funded in that event, but that also the value is that with Silvermont there are other groups also interested in fundraising and improving the site so this plan will also be of use to them in their efforts.

Jonathan laid out a calendar of events, anticipating the awarding of a bid in April and commencement of the project to begin a master plan.

The Parks and Recreation Commission moved to approve the process unanimously.

4.) New Business

a.) Pickleball Association:

Mr. Jack Plunkert spoke about the growth of the sport of Pickleball in Transylvania County and the lack of facilities. He presented information comparing Transylvania County to other communities as well as some documentation related to converting other types of athletics facilities into pickleball courts. Mr. Plunkert and members of the Pickleball players club are concerned that the addition of major summer camp programs at the recreation center will displace their program.

The Parks and Recreation Commission made a motion asking that Parks and Recreation staff continue to research this issue and report back at the next meeting.

b.) Rosman Summer Camp Open Discussion

Jonathan and Jared asked the Parks and Recreation Commission to have an open discussion about the Rosman Summer Camp offered by the Parks and Recreation Department and give input. The Rosman Summer Camp has been a program of the P&R Dept for 2 years now, in both 2016 and 2017. It was a program taken over from a private citizen. There was a brief discussion of challenges in the two iterations so far.

The Parks and Recreation Commission settled on the following recommendations:

- 1.) A narrower age band for participation in the camps
- 2.) Partnering with school officials to ensure Rosman camp participants were given advanced opportunity to sign up
- 3.) Using nominal fees to encourage steady participation by creating a buy-in
- 4.) Exploring a junior camp counselor position for older participants to allow them to contribute

c.) Recreation Update

Jared Mull gave an update about the status of various recreation programs and preparations for upcoming Spring Break camps at the Recreation Center.

d.) Parks Update

Jonathan gave the parks update that all was well currently in the parks

e.) City Update

Jim Fatland did not attend so there was no action under this agenda item.

f.) Director Update

Jonathan updated everyone that the logistical work of relocating the senior center for a week so that the Friends of Silvermont could begin with their project. He also mentioned that he was preparing a draft of the job description for the Parks and Recreation Director and a survey that he would share with Parks and Recreation Commissioners in advance of the next meeting.

6. Member Comments

There were no member comments.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Hein made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wayne Rundell at 7:58 PM