

## **Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – 18 September 2018**

Members Present:

- Wayne Rundell – Vice-Chair
- Cody Owen
- Kevin Smith
- Heather Layton
- Gregory Copeland
- Jared Mull – Parks and Recreation Director
- Mandi Bentley – Recreation Manager

Call to Order: Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The commission reviewed the minutes from the August 2018 and approved them unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

- There were no public comments.

### **Partner Updates**

City Updates – Jim Fatland

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

### **Old Business**

- Silvermont Master Plan
  - Jared presented to the Commissioners last week and explained the rationale behind the new site plan for Silvermont. The commissioners remained on board with the plan even mentioning wanting it to be completed in a shorter time frame.
  - A final public input meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Rec Department at 6 o'clock. Site Work Studios and Jared will be present to best accommodate public input. Graphics will be included. It will be set up as an event on Facebook, will be put in the paper, and an email has been sent out to the special interest groups already invested in Silvermont in an effort to ensure the public is aware of this meeting time.
  - From there, the final recommendations of the site plans will be presented.
- Facility Use Policy
  - Last month, there was discussion regarding the usage of the tennis courts and the formalization of the process of the tennis court reservations. The commission was in approval of the formalization of the tennis court reservations, but wanted to include it in the Facility Use Policy. Another recommendation from the commission was to get in touch with the partner groups of the Recreation

Department to see if the thirty hour maximum for free use of the facilities would be feasible. All of the groups were supportive of this initiative.

- The motion was made to approve the Facility Use Policy as presented, was seconded, and approved unanimously.

## **New Business**

### Recreation Update

- The current programs at the recreation department include: Indoor Fun Play, Youth Volleyball, Future Football Stars, and Flag Football.
- Senior Games state finals are going on right now. They have been postponed this week and next due to the flooding from the hurricane in the Eastern part of the state. They will be going on into November. There are 52 participants from this county.
- There are many ongoing activities at Silvermont, including: Zumba, yoga, bridge, painting groups, among a variety of others. There are a substantial amount of activities on a weekly basis inside the home for the senior population.
- Youth basketball sign-ups will be opened on October 1<sup>st</sup>. It is the hope to have an all girl's league for 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders as well as possibly doing a co-ed league for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in conjunction with The Boys and Girls Club.
- There will be a Buddy the Elf Workshop and Fun with Frosty events that will be held in December. These programs are for Pre-K kids on a single day where they will have the opportunity to sign up and have a snack, do a craft, and get a picture with either Frosty or Buddy the Elf.
- Christmas in the Park will be held in December. The registration opened yesterday and there are already 20 participants signed up. The registration will be capped at 500. It is anticipated that many individuals will attend. It will be both indoor and outdoors and include a candy cane express train, inflatable obstacle courses, a petting zoo, etc. This includes activities for the entire family. A \$5 wristband will include everything except the food which will be provided by food trucks. It is the hope that this event will continue to grow and get bigger leading to a full day event.

### Director Update:

- The Rec Department is happy to have Mandi Bentley on board as the new Recreation Manager. She has been a part of the department for 7 years. She is very good at summer camps, special events, etc. and we are fortunate to have her back.
- Mandi's replacement, Brenda Skeffington, is very involved in volleyball as well as the community. She has a strong work ethic and good communication with the seniors. She is a very good fit for this position. At this time, all full time staff member positions are filled.
- Jared reported a potential blue way access site has been identified. More details may be coming in the future if this property is acquired.

Member Comments:

- There were no member comments.

Adjournment: The motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and approved unanimously at 6:42 pm.