
Recreation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
5:30 at Juneau Community Center
MINUTES



Members Present: Kara Erstad, Wendy Jo Smedema, Jennifer White, Amy Wolter, Ashton Zeien, Gail Amsler, and Mayor Wegener

Members Absent:

Also Present: Ashton Zeien

1. **Roll Call and agenda approval.** This meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm, and roll call was taken. Smedema motioned and White seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
2. **Approve minutes of previous meeting.** White motioned and Smedema seconded to approve minutes from November 17, 2021. Motion carried.
3. **Public Appearances and citizen comments:** None
4. General discussion regarding the NFC fitness court. Ashton reported that the City should be able to secure \$130,000 in grants for the project and has some leads on additional grant money. One grant requires a Common Council resolution in support of the project within 60 days. Motion by White and seconded by Wolter to go ahead with the NFC Fitness court with the cost not to exceed \$155,000. Motion carried. Matter will now be referred to the Finance Committee.
5. **Recreation Director Report:** Ashton reported that the \$500 budgeted amount for concessions is not adequate. Ashton will inform the finance committee of the issue and request more funding for concessions.
Ashton did some inquiries as to when surrounding communities scheduled bingo and found that bingo was scheduled in evening hours. Moving forward Ashton will schedule bingo in the evening and hopes for better attendance. Specific evening is yet to be determined.
Ashton did conduct a 10-question survey regarding the recreation Department programing and what programs may be of interest to community members. She received 81 responses and will be incorporating some of the responses in upcoming programing

Ashton updated the committee on the TRP Play Spaces which is fully grant funded. Ashton will approach the Library Board to see if they may be interested in having the Play Space on the library grounds where it may have greater utilization. Ashton will contact the Library Director to get on an upcoming agenda. Otherwise, Hickey has been selected to get the Play Space.

Additional Recreation Programming notes:

The City of Juneau will be registered for the “Be Active Wisconsin Community Challenge” where residents can track their activity on-line for a prize and the City will be part of the competition.

The Recreation Department is also doing a “Parents Night Out” on Valentine’s Day from 5-8:30 where Parents can drop off their children for activities while they go out to dinner.

Baseball registration is up and running.

Victory Nutrition is providing fitness classes at the Community Center from 5-6 every Thursday in February.

The wine and design event has been rescheduled for February 18.

6. **Old Business:** Recreation Director’s wage will be in line with the City’s approved wage scale upon completion of probation.
7. **New Business:** None
8. **Date and Time set for next meeting:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 5:30 pm.
9. **Adjourn meeting:** Erstad motioned and White seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes Reported by: Kay Marose