A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Monday, June 29, 2015, at 4 p.m. at the Downtown Library.

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum


Members absent: None.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dave Fischer, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist; Alicia Luther, Recreation Manager; Mike Patten, Park Development Specialist; and Kelby Mieras, Operations Manager.

Others present: None.

Public Input

No public input.

Unfinished Business

Outdoor Aquatic Season Pass Rates: Kearney presented the Board with proposed changes to the outdoor aquatic season pass rates. He explained that the proposed changes involved reducing the outdoor rates from the original proposal. A printout of the proposed changes was provided to the Board. Fee reductions were applied to the child rates, the family rates (up to five family members), the reduced family rates, and the additional family member charge. In addition to the proposed reductions, Kearney also noted that the department wanted to continue to pursue private sponsorship opportunities for financial assistance and asked Alicia Luther to describe the proposed process. Luther explained that businesses would have the ability to purchase gift cards that are currently used by the department. The cards would be kept at current department facilities and distributed to families that require additional financial assistance. The gift cards could then be utilized to offset all or a portion of the cost of the season passes. Luther also pointed out that this process is already being successfully utilized by an area church that purchases gift cards on an annual basis and distributes them to families in need. The Board discussed how the private participation with financial assistance could be operated and offered suggestions for gaining interest with potential area partners. The Board also pointed out that swimming and other fees should be reevaluated on a regular basis so that adjustments can be made as needed to avoid major price increases in the future.

A motion was made to approve the outdoor aquatic fees as presented with the understanding that the department will continue to work on ways to secure financial assistance for those who need it. The motion was passed unanimously, with all present Board members voting yes.

Under New Business

No new business.
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There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned.

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Secretary

Approved by:

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President