

Reading Recreation Commission
7:01PM
3rd & Spruce Recreation Center
Minutes of the October 13, 2015 Meeting

The Reading Recreation Commission was called to order on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 7:01PM by James Washington.

Daphne took the roll call of members and then the board performed the Pledge of the Allegiance. There were nine of eleven board members present and they included Christopher Daubert, Carl Geffken, Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz, Manuel Guzman, Eddie Moran, David Ruyak, John Santoro, Otis Smith and James Washington. Christopher Celmer entered the meeting at 7:21PM. The following board members were absent: Donald Taddei Jr. Staff in attendance: Daphne Klahr, Executive Director, and Rebecca Swoyer, Business Manager (recording secretary).

Minutes

The minutes from the August 11, 2015 meeting were reviewed. John Santoro made a motion to approve the minutes. Eddie Moran seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Carl Geffken presented the 2016 budget to the board. He reviewed each page, Administration, Tennis Programs, Pool Programs, Recreation Programs and Sports Programs. Carl discussed a few items in detail. Capital Improvements has increased due to the need for security cameras at 11th & Pike. Issues with the doors at 11th & Pike were discussed. We have reached out to a second provider to receive quotes on Health Insurance. Per the board's request wage information was provided for all full-time employees. Tennis fundraising and events were discussed. We had a great year with the pool this year. Everything opened on schedule and was very well maintained. We saw an increase in revenue. Discussion followed regarding the pavilion rentals and Egelman's. Girls Leadership is increasing to a 3rd location. Dodgeball was added into the budget. Kevin is doing great with soccer programs. Questions were asked and answered and a discussion followed. David Ruyak made a motion to accept the 2016 draft budget as presented and with second review and final vote slated for the December meeting. John Santoro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz discussed the Treasurer's Report. Current balance is \$410,000.00. We received 4th quarter payments from the City and School District. Current expenses are \$933,980.58, current surplus is a little over \$20,000.00. Marcia reviewed the following reports: Profit and Loss budget vs. actual; Balance Sheet Previous Month Comparison which compared months July and August and August and September; Administration Profit and Loss budget vs. actual; Programs Profit and Loss budget vs. actual; Tennis Profit and Loss budget vs. actual; Pool Profit and Loss budget vs. actual; Income Detail Report and Expense Detail Report. Marcia asked if there were any questions. There being none, John Santoro made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Christopher Daubert seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding 21st Century program. We cannot run the food program for 21st Century until the State budget is approved.

Old Business

James Washington discussed the meeting that was held with the board members of the Olivet Boys & Girls club. We are trying to collaborate with them for sports programming. Matt Lubas and Kevin Devera were asked to put together a basketball proposal and present it to the Olivet Boys & Girls Club. Kevin and Matt already met with the YMCA regarding a basketball proposal. We are targeting the kids that do not make the school teams. A discussion followed regarding programs and where the opportunities are. We are starting with basketball and will discuss summer programming. Daphne mentioned an opportunity with Blue Mountain Camp and our summer playground programs. Each one of the 7 playground programs would get to go there for a day and experience the camp. They want to meet on a regular basis to continue to discuss issues.

Marcia Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that there is a need for the commission to be in control of all city recreation facilities. Our agreements with the City must be very clear. Daphne was asked to have Brett Fegley look over our agreements, make revisions and then Marcia and Chris Daubert can present the agreements at the next city council meeting. A motion was made by Chris Daubert to have Daphne reach out to Brett Fegley. Carl Geffken second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Daphne gave a verbal Executive Director's report for August and September.

Highlights:

1. Daphne was named a Rising Star by the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce. This event will be held Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 5:00PM to 7:30PM. A discussion followed regarding name tags for board members. A motion was made by David Ruyak asking Daphne to purchase tickets to this event. Carl Geffken seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. The COR Tennis fundraiser event with Katrina Adams, USTA President was a success. This is a great program. The service and food was not so great. Alan Shuman has graciously forgiven the rest of the bill and offered a credit. We will have host our Christmas party in December there.
3. We applied for a grant with John Thompson of Altria. \$10,000 of the money is going toward our Chef Sprout Cooking Program.
4. Mineral Springs park is working with BAMBA (Berks Area Mountain Biking Association) to have a huge clean up. BAMBA, United Way, Public Works and RRC are supporting the event.
5. The Fall Festival & Hayride flyer was given to all board members. They were asked if anyone was available to volunteer. We are going to have a big inflatable slide this year.
6. We had great coverage with the Reading 120 considering the rain. The kids had a great time on the slide. The race date for next year is September 10, 2016.
7. Daphne discussed the board and fundraising. Since our board is not a fundraising board she is asking for permission to put together a fundraising committee. Discussion followed. Daphne was asked to start to assemble names and then submit them to James Washington.

Executive Session

At 8:33PM the board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The session was resumed at 9:28PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the board, David Ruyak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29PM. Eddie Moran seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upcoming meetings:

December Recreation Commission Meeting – Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00PM, 3rd and Spruce Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Swoyer
Recording Secretary