

Parks and Rec Board Meeting

February 18, 2015

The Laurens Parks and Recreation Board met on February 18, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 5:13 pm by President John Jamison. Board members present were Judy Carlson, Bonnie Newgard, and Don Hertz. Also present were Council Member, Julie Potter; City Manager, Barb Smith and guest Bev Todd. Sue Peterson and Julian Johnsen were absent.

Judy motioned to approve the minutes as printed; seconded by Don. Ayes all; motion carried.

John discussed the need to find volunteers for the summer ball program. We need someone to oversee the ball program and concessions sales; as well as coaches for the upcoming summer. It was noted that we need to have better upkeep at the high school baseball diamond since it was not used last year.

Barb gave a report of the swimming pool in review. She noted that revenues for the pool dropped only \$10 last year, but expenses were up \$4,729 due to utilities. Gas to heat the pool is costing approximately \$6,000 per month. The pool is leaking quite a bit of water and she feels that the heater is continuously running.

It was decided to leave the summer help wages the same as last year—first year lifeguards will be paid \$7.25 per hour for their first year and increase 25 cents for each additional year. The summer mowing help will be paid \$9.50 per hour for the first year and increase 25 cents for each additional year. The pool manager wages will be determined at the next meeting.

Pool admission and swimming lessons will remain the same as last year. They are as follows:

Family Season Pass--\$100

Individual Season Pass--\$60

Daily Admission--\$3

Swimming Lessons--\$30

Private Swimming Lessons--\$50 for five ½ hour sessions

Barb talked about the placement of the Prairie Park Trail and the possibility of it being constructed on Drainage District Right of Way. There will be more to come on this.

Projects for this summer in the parks and cemetery are to water proof the bridges at Sportsman's Park and the Prairie Preservation Trail; possible seal the cracks at the cemetery; have the lawn treatments flags removed 24 hours after application; and to plant some grass near the east side of the horseshoe area.

Barb informed the Board that the Kelly Gordon, representing Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts, would like to have a "Haunted Trail" in October of this year. He would like to hold the events on October 24 and 31. The Board approved the 24th, but stated that Kelly would need to coordinate with the library and get their approval prior to being allowed to run the event on the 31st. It was suggested that they might run their event on the 30th rather than the 31st.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Smith