

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
February 10, 2014
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

Members Present: William Lionetta, Elizabeth Shelton, and Kristin Thomas

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Chairman, W. Lionetta.

Approval of Agenda

W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed.

Approval of Minutes

W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 22, 2014 as presented; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed.

Old Business

Winter Carnival- Winter Carnival will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2014. Parks and Recreation events include the Photo Scavenger Hunt at 1:30pm and Great Alton Bay Bed Race at 3:00pm, which is co-sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank.

Scholarship Policy Draft- The Commission discussed setting policies for the Scholarship program. It was advised that a monetary limit and attendance requirement be in place. K. Troendle reported that there are participants who received a scholarship for the basketball program that have not attended the program. The Commission agreed that if a participant receives a scholarship and then does not attend the program they asked to attend, then that participant is not eligible for future scholarships. The Commission recommended a maximum scholarship of \$150 per child and/or \$500 per family. Additionally, the Commission recommended that recipients sign an agreement that they will volunteer a certain number of hours with Parks and Recreation programs/events and that they will attend the program and if they do not they are no longer eligible to receive scholarships.

New Business

Recreation Revolving Fund Expenses: The following expenses were presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval:

The Commission pre-approved the purchase of 50 Craft Fair Signs for the Old Home Days craft fair for \$245.00.

E. Shelton made a motion to approve the expenses as presented. Motion was seconded by K. Thomas and passed.

Softball Program- The Commission discussed the Softball Program, including hiring a softball program coordinator or asking the AYBL if they would like to administer the program. Issues that were discussed included: establishing the schedule, rosters, hiring umpires and enforcing consistent rules. The Commission noted that the established Board of Directors has helped alleviate many of the daily issues brought forward by the softball program.

Egg Hunt- The Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19 at B&M Park.

Development of Trails- The Commission discussed looking into the Town recreational areas and making recommendations for areas where trails could be added for walking and biking.

Summer Programs- The Commission discussed the Summer Program model and other options for this summer. Some ideas were to condense the Summer Program into a shorter period of time, consolidate the Tuesday and Wednesday programs, and sponsor an "Open Gym" or Playground Day.

Yoga Classes- The Commission discussed the request of the seniors to continue with the Chair and Yoga Sculpt Classes. The Commission noted that at this time, the building is not a conducive setting for yoga classes. The Commission recommended that the seniors participate in one of the other fitness programs that the Department sponsors or that CAP look into providing classes at the PRCC building for their users.

Youth Volleyball Program- K. Troendle presented a letter from Alfred Poirier requesting that the Parks and Recreation Department sponsor a Volleyball Program for grades 3-8 at ACS. Mr. Poirier volunteered to run the program. The Commission approved the request based upon the following: completed background checks for Mr. and Mrs. Poirier, waiver forms completed and signed by all participants/parents with originals kept on file at the Parks and Recreation office, that minimum numbers are met and that school access is provided.

St. Katherine Drexel 5K Race Request- The church asked for their 5K and 10K races to be announced in the PR Summer Brochure. The Commission agreed if there was space it would be ok to announce the races.

Adjournment

K. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2014 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Kellie Troendle, Certified Park and Recreation Professional
Parks and Recreation Director*