

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

April 23, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on April 23, 2008, the meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. in the City of Bishop Council Chambers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Cheryl McDermott-Stanford, Lee Cox, John Weatherford, Kellie Hallenbeck and Barry Simpson

COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Caldwell, Community Services Director, Annette Blackwood, Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: The minutes of the February 27 and March 19, 2008 Park and Recreation Commission were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORT:

1. Pool opened April 1, 2008 for the Stingray Swim Team. Bishop High School Swim Team is using the pool in the morning for their practice.
2. Lap Swim is offered in the afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. daily.
3. There are 14 co-ed and 7 men's teams for softball. California Department of Corrections assisted in making the fields at Millpond safe and playable.
3. Sign ups for Summer Camps will start May 5, 2008. Patty Cummings will be the coordinator. Camps start in June through July which will include Survivor, The Amazing Race, The Biggest Winner and Campapoolze. Sports camps will cost \$25 per child per session.

4. The tennis clinics were a huge success and filled to capacity. Many of the students that attended the first session signed up for the second session.
5. Over 1,000 attended The Community Connection event in the park. We are planning an old fashion 4th of July event in the park with a 1 pitch softball tournament. Will start early ending around 4 p.m. so that everyone can attend the fireworks display.
6. No word on when Department of Water and Power will make a decision to sell the City the Park lease.

OLD BUSINESS:

Baseball/softball fields, tennis courts and soccer/football fields are on the top of the list for the Master Plan. These are based on the interest in the community. Suggestion was to prioritize the list into two phases. The Master Plan will be presented to City Council on May 27, 2007. Once the Master Plan is approved then a firm will be hired to design our requests. Things could change over the years and be re-evaluated at that time.

Next meeting we will take the park map and place all the items that have been suggested on the map to see where they all fit. The May Park and Recreation Commission meeting needs to be moved from May 29 to May 15 so that the Master Plan can be presented to the City Council on May 27, 2008.

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford inquired whether or not we have to wait for a long-term lease or the purchase of the property to update signage and facilities. Director Caldwell advised that we can plan for short term items such as signage, picnic shelter, and grass area near field 4, upgrade and seal the upper tennis courts and upgrade the auditorium.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner McDermott-Stanford advised that dogs are still an issue in the park. People are not aware they could be cited and that dogs are not allowed in the park at all. Director Caldwell advised that new signage with icons could help with that issue.

Commissioner Weatherford inquired if there have been any issues with the skate park. Director Caldwell advised that Value Sports donated helmets for the skate demonstration at the park during Community Connection and there were about 25 children that attended that. Value Sports is interested in having a skate competition.

Commissioner Cox advised that he would like to thank Cameron Matthewson for all the work on Little League fields. Director Caldwell advised that it is nice to have him as a liaison between youth organizations.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other items on the agenda, the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission adjourned at 6:10 p.m. to May 15, 2008 at 5:15 p.m.

Barry Simpson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Annette Blackwood, Community Services
Secretary