

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

August 25, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on August 25, 2010, the meeting was called to order at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Caldwell, Community Services Director, Karey Poole, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF

MINUTES:

Motion made by Commissioner McDermott to approve the minutes for July 28, 2010. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Simpson, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Keith started with an introduction of Staff members to the Commissioners, that have been helping with our seasonal programs.

Melanie Beard, our first year Aquatics Coordinator, ran the pool very successfully over the summer. Changes were made for the better, she did an outstanding job. She is the Swim Coach as well and did well juggling both positions.

Jim and Patty Cummings were brought in to share the Softball Coordinator responsibilities. They ran an outstanding season with new changes that were implemented. Jim primarily ran Men's League night.

Keith wanted to be sure they were recognized for their fine work. Commissioner Simpson asked about the overall behavior. Patty said that

she felt it has become very family oriented with more families playing together, she thought it was great. Keith also shared that nineteen out of the twenty-nine teams that played were Native American. He felt everyone was coming together as a community with a good opportunity to grow and expand horizons. He also shared that there were not very many alcohol related issues, most have been respectful in this way. And he felt he needed to give Jim and Patty some of the credit for the family oriented atmosphere. Commissioner Hallenbeck said that it seemed like there were a lot of people, not only playing, but there to watch. Keith shared that it was a very busy season, on top of regular season play 8 tournaments were scheduled as well with great turn outs.

Community Garden- Keith shared that it was presented to the City Council on August 9, 2010. The Council encouraged Keith to set up a Public Hearing which had occurred Monday August 23, 2010. There are residents who had some concerns, who live adjacent to the proposed area and have access gates to the park and he assured them that further discussion would take place to try to work something out. DWP had some concerns in terms of an easement, there is an existing sewer line that runs right next to the fence in that area. There will also be enough room for a buffer for the area so the garden isn't right against the fence. It would also serve as a service road in the case that maintenance needs to be done to the sewer line or existing water line to Sterling Heights. They also asked the Master Gardeners to figure out exactly how big the area was going to be, what type of fence and exact cost and requested that the group come back with this to City Council by September. Commissioner Simpson asked if the easement would be for public use. Keith said no that it would primarily serve the Park Staff for maintenance purposes. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if the easement would be in the old Pine to Park pathway area that the Council previously moved. Keith said no, that it is actually the current dirt alleyway between the residences and the park. He used a map to point out the area. Keith said that Public Works found what was called a "License" for this area that allows Sterling Heights access opportunity for repairs. It is a good buffer between the homes. It would also allow the Master Gardeners to use it to deliver large loads they may have to bring in for the garden area. Environmentals still need to be done prior to any digging can begin, but the project is on a forward path.

Keith shared that the Dog Park and Arboretum projects are still in the planning phase. DWP has asked the City continue to make them aware of the progress made on all of the projects that are in forward motion. Commissioner McDermott asked if we needed to talk to Fish and Game about the stream running alongside the proposed area. Keith said it is on the to-do list.

Commissioner Hallenbeck brought back the Community Garden stating that she had some concerns that the Master Gardeners wanted to do the work, but did not want to be responsible for it. Keith reassured her that an MOU would be put together and in the case that it does not work out the staff will go into the area and make changes according to the Conceptual design. He shared that a woman had come to the Public Hearing who had lived in another area that had a Community Garden, she shared that she had been on the list for a plot for 10 years, she moved again to a new area,

and again had to go on a waiting list for that Community Garden as well. She was excited and a great spokesperson for the project. Keith said that if it ends up falling back on the City, the City will do what it needs to do.

Commissioner McDermott asked about the Sunrise Mobile Home Park garden. Keith said that it turned out great, that the Master Gardeners had helped to put this one together as well.

Keith said that he did not have any other new updates for the Dog Park or the Arboretum. Commissioner Hallenbeck asked if the Arboretum meetings were going to start back up. Keith said that currently Dan McElroy and Charles Mulligan were working together to create a conceptual design that will be presented as phases with the Childrens Tree as part of the first phase for September/October. Keith said he is working with Edison for Christmas lights.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**STAFF REPORT:**

Programs Update –

**Softball-**

The season was a success and will end on Friday. He wants to say “Good Work” to the Park Staff for the all the prep work they did. He also said that the In-Field is in the best shape it has ever been. There are less injuries with a good field.

**Pool-**

Friday is the last night for public swim. It has been a good season. There were modified hours and days this year, but that will change again and it will only be closed one day with altered hours. Commissioner Cox said that it made a big difference having Melanie in there instead of strictly teens.

**Gymnastics-**

Registration is this Saturday for the Fall program. With seventy to eighty kids, plus the birthday parties, it has been quite a revenue generator. Revenues were over \$20,000, prices are low but Keith said if we charged more it begins to get away from the goal.

**Fall Programs-**

Keith shared that a giant movie screen had been donated by Cindy Schoren from Mammoth Signs, in hopes of some use. The idea is to have movies in September and October at Field 2 opened up to the Community. For Halloween weekend, there can be a kids movie and a “Trunk or Treat” where participants decorate the trunks of their vehicles in Halloween fashion. The movie would be free and he wants to see if there is a local youth group that would like to come and sell at the snack shack. We can see how it works out for the Fall and bring it back in the Spring.

Park Facilities – Keith shared that the Facility Use Requests are popular, a total of 97 from May to August, 32 pool parties where most also used

an outside picnic area. And we have our first Pond Gazebo wedding scheduled for October with the thought of marketing for weddings.

**ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

Commissioner Simpson said that he appreciated receiving the minutes and agenda a week ahead of time.

Keith reminded Commissioners Cox and Weatherford that their appointments are close to expiration dates and they will need to begin the process to request to stay with a letter of intent when it is posted to the public.

Commissioner Cox asked about possibilities of expanding field 3, discussion ensued and it was decided measurements would need to be made prior to a final decision.

Commissioner Hallenbeck wanted to thank the park staff for their hard work. She said that she notices that there is never any trash left around and the staff is always busy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:52pm to Wednesday September 22, 2010 at 5:15pm in the City Council Chambers.

  
Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair

ATTEST:   
Karey Poole, Comm. Serv. Secretary