

CITY OF BISHOP

Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

June 20, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The Parks and Recreation Commission met on June 20, 2012 the meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm at the City Park, 688 N. Main St, Bishop, Ca.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS Kellie Hallenbeck, Cheryl Underhill, John Weatherford, Lee Cox

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Thom Batchelder

OTHERS PRESENT: Community Services Director, Keith Caldwell, Karey Poole, Recording Secretary, Dan McElroy, Parks Supervisor, and Waylon Cleland, Parks Facility Maintenance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Commissioner Underhill to approve the minutes for May 23rd, 2012. 2nd by Commissioner Weatherford, approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:
OLD BUSINESS:

Dog Park Update-
Waylon updated the Commission, advising that the fencing has gone up; a lot of progress has been made in the past six months for fundraising. There is currently temporary irrigation but the water is not potable, for area watering only. There will be a soft opening on the 4th of July, with a grand opening scheduled for August 11th. They have a dual drinking fountain valued at \$5,500 that has been donated by Craig London and a fencing contribution of \$10,000 from Dan Boyd.

James Wiley, Old Kmart Building Proposal-
Mr. Wiley feels that something is missing in our City. He has talked to community members, young and old and they seem to need more recreational activities. Mr. Wiley feels the old Kmart building on Main Street is an ideal place for recreation for a residual profit for the City. He has done a walk thru and feels that is spacious enough for a variety of activities. He said that they are negotiable on rental fees. Keith recommended that Mr. Wiley put together information regarding operational costs for his proposal and give the Commission some time to absorb the idea. If ready, Mr. Wiley can come back at the July meeting with his information.

NEW BUSINESS: None

STAFF REPORT:

Programs –

All the pool programs are up and running, from swim lessons to dive in movies. The park is in full swing with Gamer Baseball, Challenger Sports Camp and the upcoming City Summer Camps. Softball is in its sixth week, scores and standings have been posted by the media. The Bishop Invitational will be going on this weekend and preparations for the Big Day in the Park are moving forward with watermelon, pie and ice cream, free swim, a softball tournament and the opening of the Dog Park. The next movie in the park has been scheduled for July 14th, they are scheduled for the second Saturday of the summer months.

Facilities-

Dan shared that the park is in full swing, with that; IMAH has some volunteers they have been able to utilize 3 days a week. The volunteers work with job coaches and do some of the less demanding jobs such as cleaning up trash and tree limbs and sweeping areas in need. Park Staff is winding down on the little league fields as the season comes to a close. They have been focusing on the pool and working on filling Fields 1& 2. AYSO has also donated seed for bad spots in the fields.

Keith took some time to introduce the park staff and thank them for all their hard work. They have kept up on the ball fields while having to keep up on everything else without missing a beat, their pride in their job is very appreciated.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Cox asked about Gamer Baseball Camp and if there is money paid to anyone for that. Staff shared that until this year, Little League has always sponsored the camp, and next year may be a little different. He also asked what is going on with the proposed multi-use field. Keith said that he will be meeting with Barry next week and should have more information. Commissioner Cox asked Keith if it was possible to look into creating an Umpires Association to avoid situations they have found themselves in during this season of Little League.

Commissioner Weatherford asked Waylon to give him a call when they are in need of trenching for the permanent irrigation lines. Waylon said they would have to find them first. Commissioner Cox suggested contacting the tribe, they have a finder.

ADJOURMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm to reconvene Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 5:15 pm at the City Council Chambers.

Kellie Hallenbeck, Chair

ATTEST:

Karey Poole, Comm. Serv. Secretary