

CITY OF PLACERVILLE
RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
May 21, 2014
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Recreation & Parks Commission: Jerry Barton, Andrew Mathews, Jackie Neau, Peter Nolan, Richard Zito, and Ryan Gray, High School Representative.

Recreation & Parks Staff: Steve Youel and Matt Lishman.

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Mr. Zito made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an Aqua Buck Request. Mr. Barton seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Gray made the motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2014. Mr. Nolan seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STATUS REPORTS:

Youth Assistance Fund: Mr. Lishman reported that there were 32 requests since our last meeting. There was \$10.00 received in donations. The projected fund balance is \$3,117.82. \$107.50 of this is dedicated to Swimming Lessons only in honor of Trip DeMetis.

Turf Restoration Project: Mr. Lishman reported that both fields are doing great and players seem to be happy. Staff is still addressing the on-going gopher problem.

Park Signs: Mr. Youel reported that the park rules signs are being installed throughout the park system. The first ones have been put up in the most populated locations. It has been a great tool for Police Officers patrolling the parks.

Fishing Derby: Mr. Lishman reported that with the help of the El Dorado County Fish and Game Commission, the Placerville Lions Club, and the Placerville Kiwanis Club the derby was a huge success.

World's Largest Swim Lesson: Mr. Lishman shared with the Commission that on Friday, June 20 the City Pool is participating in the World's Largest Swim Lesson. By participating in the World's Largest Swim Lesson, the assistance of 5 stewards is needed to monitor and report on their findings of the event to the Guinness Records. Mr. Lishman asked if any of the Commissioners would be interested in being part of this event. The event will be from approximately 6:30 am – 9:30 am. Mrs. Neau volunteered herself and Mr. Neau along with Mr. Nolan and Mr. Youel.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

El Dorado Trail: Mr. Youel reported that staff is looking for some direction from the Commission regarding the need for rules specific to the El Dorado Trail. It was determined that the rules recently established by the County of El Dorado should be adopted on the City's portion of the trail.

Mr. Nolan stated that he would be in support of adopting the County rule to walk on the left side of the trail. Mr. Barton said a wider trail might help with the problem as well. Mr. Barton shared with the Commission that in Auburn there are trail stewards in vests that assist with making sure trail users are aware of the rules. Mrs. Neau stated that the trails group might be interested in purchasing t-shirts and volunteering as stewards on the trail. Mr. Youel stated that staff is willing to come back with recommendation on an educational campaign.

Mr. Nolan suggested that the Commission adopt rules and if they become a bigger problem in the future then the Commission could request an official ordinance from City Council. There was a general consensus that the rest of the Commissioners feel the same. Staff will work on it and bring it back to Commission. There was a recommendation to take out "watch for trains" that is stated in the County rules. It was also suggested to add language regarding being visible at night.

Dry Diggins Dolphins Aquabuck Request: Mr. Lishman reported that the Dry Diggins Dolphins requested five "Aquabucks" for a fundraiser. Mr. Nolan made a motion, Mr. Zito 2nd the motion. Mr. Barton recused himself as he has a child on the team. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.