

RECREATION BOARD
AUGUST 24, 2016
MINUTES

A meeting of the Recreation Board of the City of Milford, Nebraska was held at the City Hall Office, 505 1st Street, in said City on the 24th day of August 2016 at 7:00 pm. Present were: Patrick Kelley, Tom McCall, Lorna Frey, Jodi Roth, Robert Schutz and Rec. Director Erica Pallas; Council Member Jeff Baker arrived 7:50 p.m.

Absent: Wendy Ross, and Ashley Roth.

Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to the members of the Recreation Board. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members of the meeting. All proceedings herein after shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Lorna Frey called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted on the south wall of the back meeting room at City Hall.

APPROVE MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2016 meeting was made by P.Kelley and seconded by J. Roth. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSS/ACTION- REPORT ON SOCCER & SUMMER BALL 2016/2017 SEASON:

Erica reported the participation numbers for soccer.

Fall 2015- 65, Fall 2016-54 and Spring Soccer 2016- 87. Fall soccer numbers for 2016 were down 11 kids. She stated it was difficult to find coaches this year and it involved a lot of extra foot work. The numbers for fall soccer will be observed over the next couple of seasons. If they continue to decrease we may need to consider only having the Spring season for soccer. Majority of the kids that play both soccer and flag football choose to play flag football in the fall and soccer in the spring. Spring soccer numbers were up about 20 kids. We had participants from Malcolm, Pleasant Dale, Friend and Dorchester this last year. Summer ball numbers were at 117. T-ball- 27, 8U Girls- 11, 10U Girls-10, 8U Boys- 26, 10U Boys- 16, 12U Boys- 16, and Pony Boys- 11. Concessions brought in a total of \$3549.76. There were 12 Rec nights and one cancellation bringing in a total of \$1967.44 and Sports Express had 11 nights with one cancellation bringing in a total of \$1582.32. A group of kids from the E-Free Church in Seward volunteered to paint the concession stand this summer. They painted inside and out in a light grey. 4 loads of Agrilime were put on the fields early this summer. Sports Express helped out and paid for 1 and ½ loads. We will be getting another 3 loads in 2017, Sports Express has again committed to another 1 and ½ loads. After the 2017 season we will then be able to go to 1 or 1 and ½ loads for maintenance per year. Erica is looking into new catchers equipment for all of the age groups for the 2017 season. Majority of them are worn out and need replacing. The sprinklers in the outfields were repaired on fields 1 & 2. This summer they had gotten hit by lightning and it fried the wires. Erica is looking at an update for the uniforms for the 2017 ball season. They have been the same for several years. Erica reported that she is looking into putting together a tournament for the 2017 summer season. Age groups were discussed but no decisions were made at this time. Erica is also working on an application for a proposal to the Community Betterment Committee to use the anonymous donated funds for upgrades to Welch Park Ball Facility. The proposal will include netting between fields 1 & 2 to protect spectators from foul balls, shade canopies on field #3, new bleachers and A/C and insulation in the concession stand.

DISCUSS/ACTION- SPRING SOCCER & SUMMER BALL REGISTRATION FEES:

A few families asked to combine spring soccer registration and summer ball registration fees for a lower cost. Erica reported the cap for Soccer is \$60 and the cap for Summer Ball is \$85. The board felt the customers are already getting a good deal for registrations between the 2 caps and that the fees should be treated as 2 separate sports. No motion was made.

DISCUSS /ACTION- WINTER BASKETBALL CAMP PROGRAM OUTLINE:

At the last meeting the board discussed coming up with a new possible outline of how the camp should be ran. Patrick Kelley stated the importance of a need for structure and consistency in the camp. The kids participating in this camp are the future of our Jr. High and High School Teams. We need to make sure the fundamentals are taught at young age to insure success at the high school level. The board discussed not having a half time performance and adding a 5th Saturday as a day to show off skills learned or to have a scrimmage. Registration fee will remain \$10 for the camp only. An option to order a shirt will be added to the registration form for an additional \$10. A motion was made by P.Kelley to increase to 5 Saturdays and charge \$10 for registration and \$20 for registration and a shirt. The motion was seconded by L. Frey.

DISCUSS/ACTION- SPORTS EXPRESS PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR 2017 SEASON:

Sports Express had a meeting with the Rec Director at the end of July about working together for the 2017 season. Softball Registration would take place on a website where the participants would have the choice of signing up with Sports Express or with the Rec Department. If numbers were not sufficient to make a team on the Rec side the kids would then have the option to transfer to Sports Express with no additional cost for the first year. When registrations would be held for the next year if they numbers again were insufficient to transfer to Sports Express the difference of the Sports Express registration fee from the Recreation registration fee would then need to be paid to Sports Express. Discussed to leave it as is since registration and finding coaches has been working.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Roth and seconded by R.Schutz. Motion Carried 5-0. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorna Frey