

2013-03-11 Recreation Minutes

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

March 11, 2013

Commission members present: Mike Gaudreau, Steve Danna, Scott Allen, Lou Oleksy, Steven Phillips Kim Conroy, Dave Guimont and Lauren Rossi

Also present: Bucky Lohbusch, Director; Chris Boyle, Secretary

Absent: Mae Lyons, Austin Tanner

Public attended : none

Called to Order:

7:00pm

1. Approval of minutes – Regular meeting January 14,2013

1st Lauren Rossi 2nd Steve Danna All in favor

2. Approval of monthly budget reports

1st Scott Allen 2nd Lou Olesky All in favor

3. Budget 2013-2014 Discussion and Approval

Recreation Budget discussion

Two changes to the budget -transportation rates went up 1000.00 based on the bids.

The Revenue side will increase based on vendors fees that will be charged for Spooky nights.

In two years revenue as increased almost 50,000.

The extra hours for the administrative assistant will remain in proposed budget. Mr. Gaudreau let the First selectman know this item will remain in the budget. It will be 6 hours per week- total increase of approx. \$5500.00

Mr. Gaudreau is not hopeful that the full time assistant position will go through; it seems to be a personnel issue. The proper channels will still be followed. Lauren Rossi stated she sees so much growth in the department and the department needs a full time assistant.

Steve Danna feels that from a business standpoint the excessive hours put in by the personnel and director to have growth is shot down and not rewarded. In the business world this does not happen.

Lou Oleksy does not understand with revenue increases, program increases and the department and Commission doing everything that has been asked why it an issue?

Discussion

Budget to be presented 256,977.00 for 2013-2014

Motion made: to send the budgets as they stand to the BOF

1st Lauren Rossi 2nd Steve Danna All in favor except Kim Conroy who Abstained

Park and Maintenance Budget

86,937 this year to 88,187 for 2013-2014

1st Lauren Rossi 2nd Dave Guimont All in favor

Discussion of rumored proposed Grounds manager position—feels ordinance would need to be changed. It would directly affect Parks and Recreation and coordination of programs. The position would report directly to the 1st selectman it would not be part of the town garage or Recreation basically taking the maintenance position away from Recreation. It would be very difficult to maintain programs without a strict schedule of field maintenance, coordinating everything.

Revenue

2012-2013 estimate to current date - 135,433.00

2013-2014-proposed revenue-148,259.00

4. Capital 2013-2014 Discussion

Dave Guimont will be attending the meeting to represent Recreation

Capital requests 2013-2014 will be presented in the following order:

1. Two way radios
2. Gazebo
3. Picnic pavilion (the lions club and Elks club are interested in donating time for construction)
4. Playscape at Prince hill

Lauren Rossi would like lighting for Riverside Park put in the Five year plan.
The selective cutting for the disc golf area might not happen until next fall.

According to

Mr. Tanner, the Prince Hill building demolition will include moving the electrical for the tennis courts.

Motion made: to send the capital requests 2013-2014, to the committee for items- 117,000

1st Lauren Rossi 2nd Steve Danna All in favor

5. Other Business

Bid for Summer camp transportation awarded to First Student- Based on lowest bid and excellent service 1st Lauren Rossi 2nd David Guimont All in Favor

Dave Guimont would like to start a summer volleyball league at Riverside Park. It would have to be after July 1st.
Would involve scheduling, and more administrative work-- Possible Tournaments

Bucky will look into it. He will also revisit the ideas for basketball leagues and outside basketball tournaments

The Bunny breakfast will be March 30th. Need volunteers

Programs—cooking with Ana begins

Baseball pitching camp had 21

Session 4 of fitness is full

Zumba has some openings

Red Sox game has some openings Bronx Zoo trip does too

There is 2500.00 in the summer camp scholarship fund. It shall be renamed the Jim Boyle Summer Camp Memorial Fund in honor of Jim Boyle a Brooklyn resident. There will be a letter sent with an explanation to all donors.

Motion made : 1st Lauren Rossi 2nd Lou Oleksy All in favor

The highway department will be doing the trails they may have to rent/purchase equipment but they worked it out. Our maintenance is assisting.

6. Public Time- none

7. Adjournment 8:45 pm

Motion made: 1st Dave Guimont 2nd Steve Phillips All in Favor