

Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

February 13, 2016

Commission members present: Mike Gaudreau, David Wilterdink, Harry Adams, Steve Danna, Chris Toney, and Mae Lyons

Absent: Cliff Soucy, Kim Conroy and Scott Allen

Also present: Bucky Lohbusch, Director

Public: Michael and Susan Desousa

Called to Order:

7:02 pm

1. Approval of special meeting minutes from January 9, 2017

**Motion made:** 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Danna 2<sup>nd</sup> David Wilterdink All in Favor

2. Approval of monthly budget reports

**Motion made:** 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Toney 2<sup>nd</sup> David Wilterdink All in favor

3. 2017/18 Budget Discussion

The subcommittee presented the proposed budget to the commission.

It is a fair but aggressive budget. On the expense side there are contractual increases for employees of 2.5%. Gas, and Electricity have increased and well as payroll for part-time summer employees, due to the

minimum wage increase required by the state. There is 2500.00 put in for a concert series at Riverside Park during the summer.

The overall increase in the Recreation budget is 5.15%. The overall increase in the Parks and maintenance budget is 5.7

On the revenue side, there is a proposed increase of 10% in revenue, with the increase in fees of Summer Camp and Before and After School programs.

Mae Lyons feels that the school should pay Parks and Rec. for cleaning the sidewalks and other non-recreational services that are now in the Parks and Recreation Budget.

**Motion made:** to send the proposed budget to the Board of Finance

1<sup>st</sup> Harry Adams 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Toney All in Favor

#### 4. Family Fun Day

It is a free event at the Fairgrounds on Memorial Day. The Elks have volunteered to cook again, but it is getting harder to find volunteers for this event. This event requires a lot of volunteers.

#### 5. Disc Golf Tournament

The brewery is going to sponsor this event and there will be a committee formed to work on the event. This tournament is to raise money for the Jim Boyle Scholarship Fund, which helps offset the cost of summer camp, and the teen center for Brooklyn's youth. The tournament will be held June 10<sup>th</sup>.

There will be more information coming.

#### 6. Program Update

The bid for transportation will be opened this Wednesday

Tickets for the Red Sox vs. Yankess will be on sale the Saturday.

April 15<sup>th</sup> is the Bunny breakfast

There is a waiting list for the Teen Center of 5 children. The waiting list is due to lack of staff from the cuts made last year.

## 7. Other Business

Summer Day camp may be held in the preschool wing of the Elementary school due to new roofs' being installed on the elementary school and middle school.

The Before and After school program will potentially be moving to the third grade wing due to issues with the water pipes freezing and significant repairs needed in the Rose Wing.

## 7. Public Time:

Mrs. Desousa walked the disc golf course and was impressed. She saw some players on the course.

## 8. Adjournment 8:00

**Motion made:** 1<sup>st</sup> Harry Adams 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Toney

All in favor

**Respectfully submitted:** Chris Boyle