

PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE MINUTES
Directly following the Board of Public Works
July 5, 2006

PRESENT: Way, Heise, Kopitzke, Tate, Herter
OTHERS: Polley

Way called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

1. Kopitzke moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Herter. All Ayes. MC.
2. Polley presented a picture of the scoreboard that the school would like to purchase for Hatten Stadium.

Herter moved to allow the school district to replace the scoreboard in Hatten Stadium, seconded by Tate. All Ayes. MC

3. The current projects were discussed. Polley also briefly described a few smaller projects that will be completed this year. These projects are joint projects with Public Works.
4. The committee briefly discussed the budget proposal that was presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting. A discussion regarding user fees was initiated. More information pertaining to user fees is needed to decide if the concept would be beneficial to the City of New London. There are a variety of questions that arise from the implementation of user fees. Polley will begin to gather information from other communities who currently charge user fees. She will also put together information regarding the current usage of all City facilities. Indicating the cost to operate the facility, who is the user, maintenance concern, etc?
5. The June pool and weight room reports were reviewed. There was a question about the attendance for private swimming lessons that was clarified.
6. In new business, the committee was interested in how the skate park was running this summer. In addition, Polley was approached by Pat Fischer to obtain permission to bring someone in to assist in banding the Osprey at Memorial Park. Banding the birds allows the Federal Government to study and track the Osprey. The committee felt this was a very beneficial program and approved the request to band the Osprey. Polley will supply Pat Fischer with a liability waiver that will be signed prior to banding the birds.
7. The August agenda will include user fees.

Heise made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tate. All Ayes. MC. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.