

PARKS & RECREATION
COMMITTEE MINUTES
5:00 PM
June 5, 2007

PRESENT: Way, Herter, Tate, Morack, Romberg, O'Connell, Herminath
OTHERS: Mayor Toltzman, Polley, Hager

Way called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

1. Morack moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Tate. All Ayes.
2. The additional information regarding the history, popularity and state locations of splash pads were discussed. The committee discussed the benefits of a splash pad versus a wading pool but had questions pertaining to usage of the facility over time and revenue generated. Polley will contact communities to discuss usage, set up of the splash pad, other competing splash pads or pool locations, etc. A revenue projection will also be developed. This topic will be further considered at the next meeting.
3. Hager reviewed his findings regarding recreation service agreements and cost sharing with Townships. Many communities have verbal or informal agreements in place but there are very few Cities with formal agreements for cost sharing of recreational services with surrounding townships. At this time it is believed that the non-resident fee is not substantially different from the resident fee to warrant township acceptance of a cost sharing agreement. Hager presented an alternative nonresident policy that the City of Oconomowoc has in place. He recommended that the City adopt this policy until more data can be collected about exactly how many people use the City's recreational services from each township. The Parks and Recreation Department will add a township line to the registration form and will begin to track township usage numbers from the past two years.

Romberg moved to recommend that City Council agree to implement the Oconomowoc nonresident policy model while also tracking township usage, seconded by Morack. All Ayes.

4. The community pool reports were reviewed. Many different lesson options are being offered and therefore the lesson revenue is lower than last year. The totals should even out as we move through the summer.
5. In new business, the committee asked for a trail update. Polley recently met with the DNR, DOT, ECWRPC, and the counties to discuss trail connections to the WIOUWASH trail and the New London to Seymour trail. The DOT will work with the City to evaluate the routes and the DNR is very supportive of the trail connections.
6. The June agenda will include the additional splash pad information and a park status update.

Tate moved to adjourn, seconded by Morack. All Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.