

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 3, 2011

In Attendance:

Members

Ed Budzinski, Robert Dalle Pazzo, Ed Fedorko, George Ferenchick, Stacey Gallagher, Jeff Kimmel, Bill Pitman, Chris Sawaski, Marie Tagliaferri, Zig Zegarski

Staff

Council Liaison Mayor Greg Puliti, Steven Groeger, Superintendent

Reports

- Superintendent gave monthly report (see attached).
- Council Liaison Puliti reported that the Council held the annual reorganization meeting on January 1ST. The Council is now preparing to review the proposed budget submitted by the Municipal Manager and anticipate needing to find \$500,000 in reductions to remain below the 2% cap.

Correspondence

- None

Old Business

- Update on Twin Pines project.
 - The Superintendent reported that a preconstruction will be scheduled shortly and work is expected to start by early April.
- Fees
 - New fee ordinance was adopted raising nearly all of the fees collected by the Recreation Department. Most of the fees increased were between \$5 and \$15, roughly 5 to 10 %.
 - Registration in programs already collecting the new fees (Tball, Safety Town) do not seem to be effected and are at levels comparable to 2010 or higher.
- Girls' Participation in Team Sports
 - Approximately 30 responses were received from the survey mailed by the Lawrence Hamnett Soccer Association but nothing enlightening.
 - Have arranged for the LHS Varsity to run clinics for the girls as well as having the 9-10 girls attend a LHS game and be in the locker room for the pregame talk.

- Distributed flyers to all girls basketball players about the free Rider Women and Girls in Sports Day program.
- Sponsorships/Contributions
 - St. Lawrence Rehabilitation has approved \$1,000 to fund Safety Town.
 - Bristol Myers Squibb has approved \$3,500 to fund Safety Town.
 - The Lawrenceville School contributed \$2,500 toward the 2011 Fireworks Display.
 - Rider University has approved a contribution of \$5,000 toward the Firework Display.
 - Continuing to reach out to the community through the local newspapers and direct contact to reach the \$20,000 cost for the fireworks, music, traffic control, etc. to hold the Fireworks.

New Business

- Open Space Master Plan review
 - The Planning Department has asked the Recreation Advisory Committee to review and comment on the Recreation and Open Space component of the Master Plan.
 - The plan will be forwarded to the members before the next meeting.

Next Meeting

- March 3, 2011 - 7:30 pm