

## Recreation Minutes

June 7, 2018

**Attendance:** Ryan Blass, Andy Fox, Jason James, Chris Morris, Laurie O'Donnell, Michael Razze, Jenn Rebman, Althea Sanders

### Current programs and events:

-T-ball will be extended for an additional week. The season will now be ending on June 16.

-After all the fundraising and other hurdles, the Pumptrack is now open to the public.

-Youth Week took place last month. It was another successful year, even with the change of date and minus the dance. Jump Rope for Heart made its debut this year, and the Track and Field Meet was changed to after school.

-Last night was the Community Night at Alcyon Park. The event had good weather and a steady number of people throughout the evening.

### Upcoming programs and events:

-Summer programs are now open for registrations, which includes Summer Playground, basketball, tennis, soccer, field hockey, and theater programs.

-The Fourth of July Freedom Run is also open for online registration. Parks and Rec is looking for volunteers for the event, particularly with street coverages.

-Next, discussion continued on the possible naming of the tennis courts at Shertel Park after the Tom and Debbie Slenkamp. With a policy on naming facilities officially in place, the first step of the process was a formal presentation of application. The Todd family was in attendance to make their and to bring an amended version of the original letter of recommendation. Discussion took place regarding the Slenkamps' legacy to Pitman and the tennis program, as well as whether or not they fulfilled the criteria as stated in the naming policy. There appeared to be some differing interpretations regarding the length of service-whether the Slenkamps needed the full 20 years of service to just the tennis program, or if their overall service time was sufficient. A motion to move to the next step of the naming process was

introduced and seconded by the Commission. A vote was cast, and in a 4-3 decision, next month's meeting will move forward with a public forum regarding the matter.

-Finally, discussion on the adjustment to Ordinance 3-29.1 was discussed. The change that was proposed was to allow public events to take place on Sundays between 8 AM and 12 noon in all parks and conservation areas around town. A motion recommending the change was made and seconded. A vote was cast, and in a 6-1 decision, the change was shut down and will not go to Council.

**Next Meeting: Thursday July 5 at 6:30 in the Council Chambers**