

Minutes
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
February 21, 2022
6:00pm Garnett Recreation Center

The meeting was called to order by Phil Bures at 6:05pm

The board was made aware that there were a few applicants for the open position on the board. After some discussion of the applicants the board agreed that Josh Mead would be a good fit for the position

The board discussed that it is that time of the year again to hire the summer help. Phil reported that they have placed adds in the paper and on the website and on Facebook. He also mentioned that he would be at the school on Wednesday to speak with the students about putting in an application for a summer job.

We discussed the recreation center and the current memberships. The trend for memberships is on the upward trend. Phil mentioned that it was normal for this uptick this time of year. We also have added the monthly automatic withdrawal from their account and a few people have signed up for this with their new memberships. This helps to keep and retain memberships throughout the year.

Phil also talked about how they are looking into a new 24 access system for the recreation center. RecDesk has now partnered with a door system company that integrates the software for our membership with the 24 access system. We are in the process of talking to them to see compatibility with our current system and cost of the new system. It is felt that this would increase our customer service and thus improve the member retention.

The topic of youth sports was addressed. Phil noted that the youth basketball season was drawing to an end then we would be moving on to spring soccer.

Spring soccer is one of our biggest draws for the youth. This spring we will try to keep most teams here in town but will be traveling for the older teams to nearby communities. The early bird deadline is drawing near, and the final deadline is a week after that. We should have teams in place and ready to start practices around spring break.

The budget was discussed, and Phil stated that he is working on some numbers and ideas for next year's budget to prepare for when the commission does their budget preparations.

The fitness court progress is coming along. We are in the final stages of building. We are waiting for the weather to break and to get the pad poured so the install team can come in and put the fitness court together. We then will get our programming in place and have a grand opening ceremony.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50