

The recreation board meeting was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:35pm at the recreational complex located at Balfour & Surrey Avenues.

Present: Tina Prickett, Diane Birkbeck, Joe Iannuzzelli, Klaudia Advena, Mike Cahill and Jeff Moore.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by Chair person, Birkbeck

Motion was made to approve October 2022 minutes by Diane Birkbeck and seconded by Joe Iannuzzelli. All were in favor.

Meeting is being held on the first Tuesday , tonight due to the regular 2nd Tuesday this month is election day and City Hall is closed. This date, Nov 1st was in the sunshine notice when 2022 meeting dates were adopted.

Hutch supervisor mentioned to rec director that it is too hard to communicate with high school kids in the hutch basketball program as far as if game cancelled, trying to reschedule. Usually there isn't enough interest when starting on a team and then finishing it. Tough dealing with high school kids on organizing the program. By the end of the season usually don't have enough teams to finishing the league, they quit, lose interest, start another sport. This league usually are the kids that have no experience with basketball or maybe didn't make their school team. There are no adults working with Mr. Nolan with this age bracket. he mentioned possibly doing away with this age.

The board didn't want to see the opportunity disappear completely because not a lot to do for high school age children. Suggestion was made to do 4 teams for the 5-8th graders and then have the high school age kids have an "open gym" where they can come and do drills, get some training and then at the end play scrimmage . Ms. Prickett would be discussing at the league meeting on Jan 11th 2023 and start in Feb if agreeable with Mr. Nolan.

Motion was made by Klaudia Advena to approve change in program guidelines and seconded by Jeff Moore. All were in favor.

Ms. Prickett brought up that Jessica Mannella, who is the head coach at St Joe's University wanted to have a free soccer camp in the winter in the school for girls from k to 4th graders.

Little background: Ms. Mannella came in front of the rec board March 2022 asking to have a summer soccer camp. At that time our previous Jerry Thomas, rec director thought that it might work better to have Ms. Mannella have the camp under the rec department. Camp was not very successful, very little interest in attending. So this is why Ms. Mannella is looking to do a "free" camp to get herself established and see if any interest comes out of it. Board discussed it and suggested right after school Ms. Prickett will see if ok with the school then speak with Ms. Mannella.

Motion was made by Mike Cahill and seconded by Klaudia Advena to approve as long as the school is ok with it. Ms. Prickett will get back to Ms. Mannella.

***This issue was for program fee ranges in the code book-not staff salaries or wages.**

Ms. Prickett is looking to get college students to work the summer programs next summer. She suggested giving that person (college student) college credits with being paid minimal wage or slightly higher. Minimum wage is currently \$11.90

Sports Camp, next year not going to do discount for number of weeks you sign up for. Just if you are going 3 weeks , you pay the per week fee x3. She says that she has seen so many different charges. They will still have sibling discount for the camps.

Off the record- personnel 7:15pm

Back on the record, 7:35pm

Ms. Prickett met with Ed Stinson from public works. All the fences that are maintained by the rec dept, ball fields etc. will be fixed this year. Brackets hanging, metal fencing poking out . She is getting second estimate and then will discuss with Mr. Stinson next step.

Next meeting December 13 will start at 6pm.