

SPANISH FORK CITY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 7, 2011

Members Present: Doug Brown, Doug Ford, Jerry Huffman, Betsy Redford, Dale Robinson, Treaci Tagg

Staff Present: None

I. Review Minutes from meeting held September 12th. October meeting was canceled.

Motion - Jerry

Second - Doug Brown

Motion passed unanimously

II. Ice Skating Rink - email request

Dale reviewed an email that he had received from a citizen expressing an interest in having Spanish Fork build either an outdoor or an indoor ice skating rink. He wanted it for hockey and figure skating. The issue was discussed amongst the committee and it was determined that building such a facility would not be cost effective or in the best interest of the city at this time. If we go back to our master plan needs assessment the overwhelming majority of citizens wanted an indoor aquatic or recreation center.

III. Main Street Banners - UDOT Guidelines

We discussed once again the banners on main street. The UDOT guidelines are quite cumbersome and according to them they don't have resources to police them. It was clarified that the only thing we would use this for would be city sponsored events at this time. Doug Ford will review the guidelines and costs associated with purchasing the banner. The question came up as to whether we will need the banner once we have a new digital reader board at the recreation office.

IV. Arena Update

Dale reviewed the progress on the planning and design of the new rodeo arena. Things should start happening on site the week after Thanksgiving.

V. Golf Fees

We discussed the possible need to raise our golf fees for this coming year. Ryan Rees has been talking to the golf pro at Gladstan in Payson and they would like to adopt the same fee structure. We are already behind other courses in the valley by a dollar or more for a 9 hole round. Our season passes are substantially less because we do not charge a non-resident fee. Gladstan is our main source of competition for players. We would like to propose a fee increase so that if the other courses have an increase then we won't get too far behind. The committee would like us to hold off on fee increases as long as we can because this is a bad time economically, however, they suggested that we stay with Payson in terms of our pricing structure.

VI. New Office Sign/Reader Board

Dale showed a schematic of the new sign and reader board that the parks & recreation office will be getting in the next month or so. It will be a great way to advertise all the things that are going on in the department and the city. The sign is being paid for by a county municipal recreation grant.

VII. Other Business

None

VIII. Next Meeting: Monday, December 5th @ 5:00 p.m.