

City of Colville
Park & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, December 16, 2015
Council Chambers- 5:30pm

Meeting called to order by Danny Todd, Chairman at 5:38pm.

Members present: Traci Baum, Dean Fisher, Danny Todd, April McElreath

Members Absent: Zach Ross, Matt Schanz, Vacancy One

Staff Members Present: Recreation Coordinator Jake Wilson, Parks & Recreation Secretary Amanda Hallam, City Planner R.J. Keetch

Danny introduced the new member of the Park & Recreation Board April and asked her to tell us about herself. April stated that she works for TEDD. She is a mom of 4 kids and has used the Recreation programs offered by the Recreation Department many times and she looks forward to learning the ins and outs of the Park & Recreation Department. Danny asked what April's interests are and she stated that she likes hiking & camping and anything out doors. Danny asked everyone to go around and introduce themselves to April.

1) Approval of the October 12, 2015 and November 18, 2015 meeting minutes.

Traci moved to approve the October 12th and November 18th meeting minutes. Danny seconded the motioning. The board approved the October 12th and November 18th Park & Recreation Board meeting minutes.

2) Chris Hoogbruin is here to teach us about foot golf and the potential to have a course in Colville.

Jake introduced Chris to the committee. Chris then started talking about foot golf. He stated that foot golf is like golf only with a soccer ball. He stated that most places just put the foot golf course on a golf course. Traci asked about maintance and hole location. When Chris was done presenting he thanked the board for their time and the board thanked him for coming to speak with them.

3) Cost of programs/income.

Jake went over how much it costs to run a program. Jake stated that this does not include staff time. Jake stated that he can go over the programs one by one or he can just answer any questions. Traci asked Jake if there were any programs that he felt needed to be eliminated or expanded. Jake stated that if we break even then he thinks that we should keep the program. Traci asked about the Summer Adventure Camps. Amanda stated that she thinks that in order to make that program popular again that we need to make the program the way it used to be. The Summer Adventure Programs used to have swim lessons that the kids took. So they would do swim lessons and then after swim lessons they would do the Camp. It seemed like it was a much more popular program when we did that then what it is now. Dean asked that if we decide to expand a program do we need to go to council for approval or

can we just do it? Jake stated that as long as there is not an addition cost that we can change programs. If we wanted to add programs then we would need to go to council for approval. R.J. asked if the Tiger Tri included the Vinson fund and Jake stated that he left that out because it was a onetime thing. Danny asked what the majority of the Tiger Tri money goes to. Jake stated that it goes to the timing company. Traci asked if there is any way to improve or expand Tiger Tri to get more revenue, maybe add a beer garden or make it a two day event. Jake stated that he has tried the beer garden last year and tried to make it a big event but it didn't really seem to make a difference. Traci asked if there was any way we could have it go through town and Jake stated that the only thing we could make go through town would be the run portion. The bike portion would not be very safe. Traci asked why Jake thinks our participation for Tiger Tri has gone down. Jake stated that he has spent a lot of time thinking about this, there is so much more competition than there used to be could be one reason. Dean asked about the pool and why there is no revenue on that and Jake stated that it would be very hard to figure it out. There was discussion about the pool and the cost. R.J. has been in contact with the Y.M.C.A and shared the information that he has learned.

There was discussion about what the Park & Recreation Board goals should be.

1. Partner with Rotary on Heritage Court.
2. Try and see if we can develop the land where the police gun range is.
3. Rest Stop on HWY 20.

Danny asked who are all in favor on having the three goals above. All members were in favor.

There was talk about the Colville Mountain Trail and what types of programs we could do up on the trail.

4) Ideas for additional funding, potential grants brought forward.

There was talk about grants and Jake asked if anyone had experience with grant writing or if they had any ideas for grants.

5) Ideas for programs services. Other thoughts?

Jake asked the committee to help him come up with some programs that we could potentially add to the summer programs:

- 1) Drown proofing
- 2) Mud/obstacle course run
- 3) Cedar trail around the park

At the next meeting Jake would like to talk about these three things more and see how we can make these things happen.

Danny stated that he will be absent at the January 25, 2016 board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm