

**OSSEO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 7, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Osseo Parks & Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Kerstin Schulz at 6:00 p.m., Monday, December 7, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held virtually.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Dee Bonn, Harold Johnson, Kerstin Schulz, and Larry Stelmach.

Absent: Committee members Orlando Ponce, Brittney Quant, and Alden Webster.

Others present: Community Management Coordinator Joe Amerman

3. APPROVE AGENDA

**A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Bonn, to approve the meeting's agenda. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4-0.**

4. APPROVE MINUTES

**A motion was made by Stelmach, seconded by Bonn, to approve the February 4, 2020, meeting minutes as amended.**

Johnson requested the attendance be adjusted to reflect the members that were not present.

**A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4-0.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Schulz advised the public that this is the time for public comments. There were no public comments.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS – None

7. BUDGET UPDATE

A. PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET FOR RECREATION

Amerman reviewed the proposed 2021 budget for recreation with the Committee.

Johnson commented on how 2021 would still be impacted by COVID-19 until vaccines had been administered to the general public.

8. OLD BUSINESS – None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSS 2021 MUSIC & MOVIES IN THE PARK SCHEDULE

Amerman stated staff has been in contact with four of the bands that were scheduled for 2020, and each has confirmed an interest and availability to participate in 2021. These bands are the Teddy Bear Band, Led Penny, the Dirty Shorts Brass Band, and the Classic Big Band. Based on their stated availability, a draft schedule has been attached. Concert rain dates are currently proposed for June 29th and August 17th . Emily Roberts at Snake Discovery has also been contacted and is interested in participating. Other possibilities include the Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota.

Amerman reported as in past years, there are restrictions on when Disney, Pixar, and Marvel films can be screened. The dates for these restrictions are not known at this time. In addition, COVID-19 has altered the planned release dates and methods for many movies intended for wide release in 2020. It is not currently known when any new releases being distributed via streaming platforms will be available for public screenings. Possible movies from the Swank Motion Pictures, Inc database may be found here. Swank Motion Pictures, Inc has notified the city that they require two weeks advanced notice, and that for any audience up to 200 people licensing fees are \$375-\$450 depending on the title. The Parks & Recreation Committee should review the list and discuss possible movie selections.

Amerman explained returning food trucks will include trucks that participated in 2020. Additionally, several food trucks which decided not to operate in the Summer of 2020 will, COVID dependent, once again be possibilities. The process would be similar to the last several years, in which each operator would make a refundable deposit. The Parks & Recreation Committee should review and comment on Food Trucks for 2021. The Parks & Recreation Committee should review the draft schedule and offer comments, including additional desired bands or performers.

Stelmach asked when the first Parks meeting was scheduled for 2021. Amerman reported this would be addressed under item 9C.

Stelmach indicated he would be willing to serve on a Parks Subcommittee to assist with planning the music and movie events for next year. He commented the food trucks were a huge hit and he was glad to see them coming back.

Schulz and Bonn stated they would be willing to assist with planning the movie and music events as well.

Stelmach explained he was pleased to see the City was planning for these events in 2021. He believed this was hopeful on the City's part.

Johnson requested staff speak with the Public Works Department to see how things were going with pet waste cleanup at Boerboom Park.

Boon reported she had used the park on Tuesday this past summer and noted staff was doing a great job cleaning up the park and trimming the grass for the events that were held at Boerboom Park every Tuesday.

B. DISCUSS 2021 YOUTH REVSPORTS PROGRAMMING

Amerman stated since 2017, the City of Osseo has partnered with Revolution Sports to provide recreational programming in Osseo, though in 2020 the circumstances surrounding COVID made programming untenable. Staff now proposes to approach planning for the summer of 2021 as though summer recreation programming will once again be an option. The City would again handle all registration in-house and forward the information to RevSports before programs start. RevSports handles all staffing and logistics.

Amerman reported John Richardson of RevSports suggests that the schedule be similar to what was proposed for 2020, though the final details would depend on the determinations of the Parks and Recreation Committee and City Council. In 2020 RevSports adjusted their program scheduling based on COVID guidelines, these changes include increased buffer times between programs and a cap on the number of participants per program, a cap which is set following MDH recommendations for youth sports. RevSports received positive feedback from their partners. To improve their level of service, RevSports has recently completed a round of hiring which will allow them to work more closely with the City and provide services adapted to 2021 COVID guidelines. Staff commented further on registration fees and requested feedback on how to proceed with youth sports programming for 2021.

Johnson suggested rates remain as is but suggested a rate increase be considered in 2022.

Schulz stated she appreciated the fact staff talked with RevSports about how to keep programming in place during the pandemic.

Stelmach recommended the City continue with the programming that was working and bringing in numbers. He reported soccer was bringing in numbers. He agreed 2021 may not be the right year to consider a rate increase. He suggested the preferred pricing continue for Osseo residents.

Bonn supported the City sponsoring the weight lifting and Spark music programming again next summer for Osseo teenagers.

C. DISCUSS PROPOSED 2021 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Amerman stated the Parks and Recreation Committee was scheduled to meet five times in 2020, of which three were cancelled. These cancellations were primarily due to COVID related changes in summer programming. For the year of 2021, Staff is proposing a similar schedule, with meetings taking place the first Tuesday of February, April, June, and October, and the first Monday in December. For 2021, the attached schedule of meeting dates and topics is suggested. Meetings can be cancelled if there is no business to discuss.

Johnson recommended the meetings in 2021 be held on Tuesday versus Monday.

Stelmach agreed with this recommendation.

Bonn recommended the Parks Subcommittee meet prior to the February Parks meeting.

Johnson asked when Night to Unite would be held in 2021. Amerman reported Night to Unite was scheduled for August 3, 2021.

**A motion was made Johnson, seconded by Bonn, to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting schedule moving the meetings to the first Tuesday of each month. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4-0.**

10. UPCOMING EVENTS

Amerman reported two Committee member terms would be up at the end of 2021. Those interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Committee should send a letter of interest to City Hall.

Amerman stated sadly Minidazzle had to be canceled due to COVID-19.

11. STAFF & COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Amerman commented on how the calendar may change in a positive direction over the coming months. He stated he would be receiving a report from WSB on the Tree Report for the Hennepin County Tree Grant. He noted he was working to finalize the Sipe Park Twins Grant noting upgraded bleachers were being pursued.

Johnson asked how Jazzercise worked outdoors in the park.

Bonn reported this worked out very well when the weather was warm this fall. She explained all classes have since been shut down due to the governor's executive orders.

Schulz commented on the Small Business Saturday event that was held on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged residents to consider visiting downtown Osseo for the Christmas on Central on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

12. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made Johnson, seconded by Bonn, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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