

Recreation and Parks Commission
February 11, 2014

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. at Northside Park. Present were Dennis Dare, Lloyd Martin, Joe Mitrecic, Tom Shuster, Frank Miller, Susan Petito, David Recor, Dave Messick, Sam Goodman and Ward Kovacs.

Guests included Joanne Shriner, Zach Hoopes, Anne Cook, Jim Solomon, Shelly Dawson and Mike Foelber.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of January 14, 2014 were approved as presented.
3. Stand up Paddleboard Program: Ward Kovacs presented a draft pilot program to permit the use of standup paddleboards (SUP) on the beach Monday, September 8 thru September 30, 2014 when surfing is modified. A SUP operator would be required to stay 50 yards away from swimmers and surfers and follow all applicable federal and state regulations. Furthermore, uses would be restricted to one operator per board and the operator must use a leash for the board. The Commission members and the members of the Surfing Beach Sub Committee present supported the recommendations of the Pilot Program for SUP. The Commission agreed to forward the report to the Council for consideration.
4. Skate Park Update: Joe Mitrecic welcomed some members of the public present to listen to the presentation on data from the Skate Park. Susan Petito handed out a report summarizing activity at the Skate Park in 2013 as requested by Dennis Dare. The park had 10,329 visits in 2013 with average daily attendance of 31 skaters. The Commission asked Susan to provide a follow up report on Skate Park use at the March meeting.
5. Private Events Equipment & Labor Use: Frank Miller presented a brief report on the Town's banner program including a pricing recommendation. The proposal draft was carried over to the March meeting.

Frank also provided a draft report on Guidelines for Town-Owned Equipment and Labor Usage by Outside Entities. Frank reviewed the draft and an asset rate schedule with the Commission. The Commission will review the document and provide feedback to Frank before the March meeting.
6. New Private Event Requests: Tom Shuster reported that Lisa Mitchell has no new events to present.
7. Other Business: Joe Mitrecic reported that Mayor Meehan asked that the Parks staff investigate adding a gate to the split rail fence on 4th Street near the playground. Tom will forward the request to the Parks Staff for follow up action.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11th at 4:00 P.M. at NSP.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 P.M.

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