



Recreation Department

Kent Kostelecky- Director



1905 Hall Avenue, Marinette, WI 54143

City of Marinette Recreation Programming Board
Minutes – Tuesday, December 6, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.
City Hall - 1905 Hall Avenue - Room 214

Present: Mayor Steve Genisot, Board President Dorothy Kowalski, Recreation Director Kent Kostelecky, Terri Florek, Wally Hitt, Pete Noppenberg, Bill Alwin, Melissa Ebsch, John LaCourt, Mike Swiatnicki, Mike Shampo, Emma Kuhn, Scott Wahl

Absent: Pete Schwaba, Dale Minzlaff, Chris Mahlik

1. Called to order at 4:18 PM PM by Kowalski
2. Agenda approved with a motion by LaCourt, second by Alwin. All in favor.
3. Citizens' Comments - none.
4. LaCourt motioned to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2016 meeting. Alwin seconded. All in favor.
5. September - November Revenues discussed. No questions or comments.
6. Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Reports - discussion by Kostelecky, he noted we are at 85% of revenues, 86% of expenses currently.
7. Director's Report - Hard copy provided by Kostelecky, highlights were noted. Added mention of Christmas in Marinette, which was hugely successful.
8. Men's Softball League update - Kostelecky shared information with Kowalski and Mayor Genisot regarding mens' softball. He noted that clay is added at the beginning of the year, and that is about a \$2,700 investment. He cut that in one fourth to reflect use of one field half the time. With softballs, t-shirts and scorecards and a scorekeeper the cost would be about \$290 per team without umpires. He estimates that it would cost about \$400 a team with umpires. Alwin said that costs to maintain the field should not be included in league fees, because those would exist with or without the mens' league. Kostelecky's concern is that the Coed league would expect lower fees if mens' league is paying less. The revenue would then be affected across the board. Kowalski suggested a meeting with teams interested in playing in Marinette to develop a plan for



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summer. Pete Noppenberg said that he has had people approach him as well. He would also like to see a meeting scheduled with interested teams to discuss the future of the league. Wahl stated that costs reflect a solid program and quality facilities. There is value there, and that needs to be considered. Florek said that if the program does not provide officials, that no alcohol should be allowed at the field during play for the safety of players.

9. New Facility update - Wahl reported that areas are being planned as per usage of each specific area. Tennis and multi-purpose areas have been flipped on the design. Fundraising is ongoing.
10. New Parks and Recreation Committee - Kowalski said that it was never the intent of the Board to eliminate the advisory board known as the Recreation Programming Board. The Council, though, will create a committee of the common council to make direct recommendations and directives for the Recreation Department. Kostelecky and Genisot commended local citizens who have committed their time to keeping Parks and Recreation viable in Marinette. Alwin asked for assurance that present initiatives would be carried out, including bike trails and signage. Kowalski assured him that all of those things would move forward and said that anyone with concerns can always contact a committee member or Mayor Genisot.
11. Recommendations for Parks and Recreation Committee - no discussion.
12. Alwin motioned to adjourn at 4:50 PM. LaCourt seconded. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Florek
Recreation Program Assistant