

Huxley Park and Recreation Board Meeting

Call to order 6:34

Approval of minutes Oct/Nov 2014

City Staff present: Travis Bakken and Heather Denger

Board members present: Jason Geiken, Jay Johnson, Cindy Drummond, Katie Reimers, Matt Petersen (arrived 6:50)

New Business

1. Heather Denger, new administrative assistant – moved to Huxley from Michigan; worked at YMCA; teaches aerobics
2. Iowa Living Roadway's Visioning Process Project – new entrance to town sign north of town; Landscapes by Design will propose a design (meeting at Feb. 4)
3. December Department Report – Membership is up to 523 accounts (highest of all time)
4. 3C's camera system – Chief Pote presented it to the council and it was approved. 8 cameras are on the premises. The library will also be getting cameras.
5. 3rd-6th grade youth basketball – Numbers have dropped over the past few years. There are only 2 teams currently. AAU programs have become more popular. Central Iowa Rec League is a future possibility.
6. Fiscal Year 2016 Budget – Jay talked to Mayor Henry and asked some burning questions. Jay is not pleased about the P&R budget or lack thereof. The mayor said that we (the park board) need to speak up to the city council. He would be supportive of our ideas and requests for money. Jay also talked to John Haldeman. John told him that the printed budget was only an operating budget. The money we would need would come from the Comp. Improvement Plan. There could also be some monies left over from prior bonds good for roads and infrastructure. Jay suggested that we stand up and start asking for the things that we deem important. We need to schedule a work session and invite the mayor, engineer, city admin, etc. Possible ideas: Create a parking lot at Centennial Park with cheap (possibly free) materials and free labor. Start with a pilot project (Larson irrigation).
Travis will set up a work session meeting.
NOTE: Most grants require matching monies.

Old Business

1. Farmer's Market Update (Jen) – Jen is out of state for 6 weeks.
2. Prairie Meadow's Community Grant Program update – haven't heard yet

Comments from Board and Staff – Little League registration is up and running.

Upcoming Events – Spring brochure is out for upcoming programs

Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at City Hall, 6:00 P.M. (NOTE: ½ hour earlier than usual)

Adjourned at 7:30 P.M.