

**TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY
MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
July 3rd, 2012
4:00 PM**

A public meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was convened on Wednesday, July 3, 2012 at 4:00 PM in the Aquatics Center Conference Room located at 1615 N. Road 1 East, Chino Valley, Arizona.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Sue Spahr, Alicia Steinberg, James Justice, Carrie Barnes, and Todd League

Members Absent: Eric Smith

Staff Present: General Services Director Cecilia Watts, Recreation Manager Shannon Gansz

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3a. April 3, 2012 minutes

Sue Spahr moved Alicia Steinberg seconded. Passed

4. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4a. Shannon Gansz advised pool is in session the highlights are:

- Attendance is up from last year
- Opening at 6:30 for lap swim
- Extended open until 6:30 swim to Saturday and Sunday, canceling family swim
- Second session of Junior (life) Guard program
- Third session of swim lesson
- Received a \$2,500 dollar scholarship from the Chino Valley Recreation Foundation for swim lessons and \$500 dollars to offset the cost of school's expense. The recreation foundation is a tax-exempt organization in Chino Valley, which cosponsors or provides funding.
- Softball tournament at the end on the month
- Free movie first Saturday of month
- parks supervisor to speak at next month's meeting

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Recreation chair Sue Spahr advised the High Octane's Friday night program would resume when school is back in session. Shannon Gansz mention having a princess party.

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC - No public comment

7. CORRESPONDENCE - No correspondence

8. OLD BUSINESS - no old business

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Introduction of New Board

Cecilia Watts thanked the incoming members for their interest. All members and staff introduced themselves and their interest in serving on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

9b. Election of Officers

Nomination and election of board officers:

Chair Todd League - Sue Spahr moved James Justice seconded, passed.

Vice-chair Alicia Steinberg - Sue Spahr moved, Carrie Barnes seconded, passed.

Secretary position filled by the town clerk's office.

Recreation - Sue Spahr volunteered to fill the position.

Parks and Trails - James Justice volunteered to fill the position.

Aquatics - Carrie Barnes volunteered to fill the position.

Finance position - pending need.

9c. Review of Bylaws

The board reviewed the Bylaws.

9d. Discussion of future, on-going meeting dates, times

The board discussed the changing current schedule.

Alicia Steinberg moved Sue Spahr seconded to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m., passed.

9e. Discussion of Board's focus

Cecilia Watts advised her thoughts on the role of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with emphasis on volunteers and fund raising to make a better recreation program. She advised on impact fees and the original ideas for the development of the community park

1. Impact Fees.

The Town collects impact fees for new construction a portion of which is designated to a Community Center park. There is approximately \$117,000 thousand available in impact fees for improvements to the park. New law enacted regarding time frame for spending impact fees. The

Town hired resource development person for grant writing who can present ideas for stretching funding.

2. Community Center Park

The original plan included an amphitheater and a dog park, which might not good use for this location. Look for way to utilize volunteers to offer more to the citizens.

3. Recreational Programming

Cecilia Watts advised the possibility of \$10,000 dollars donated for fireworks for next year's 4th of July. This would not include police or staff time. She mentioned the possibility of moves involving staff and building usage.

The skate park and rodeo grounds were dismantled at the recommendation of risk management.

A new in-ground skate park should be 800,000 thousand for a reasonable park. The board discussed a need for a person to champion a new skate park to contact local businesses and organizations such as Drake cement and the Lions.

The board discussed a small amphitheater on the backside of the pool.

10. FUTURE AGENDA SUGGESTION

Suggestions for the next board meeting were:

- Going over the budget for the aquatics parks
- Meeting with Steven Whisenhunt, the Town's grant writer.
- Meeting with Kenny Tribolet, the parks department supervisor.
- Impact fees rules
- Reviewing list of events where the Town is involved.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Todd League moved James Justice seconded adjourn to a 5:10 p.m. passed

Submitted this 13 day of August 2012

By: *Liz Hart, Town Clerk Assistant*