



CITY OF SPEARFISH

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Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Advisory Board MINUTES

Monday, April 20

Board Members present: Barb Cline, Charlie Neilson, Eric Hanson, Karen Hahn and Kris Hayes.
Staff present: Alecia Hoffman, Brett Rauterkus, Keith Hepper, Kelly Elletson, Jeana Wintersteen and Kris Garlick. Also present: Kendra Apland, Teri Royer and Dillon Haug. Absent was Brian Meyer.

Visitor Item:

On behalf of youth sports, Pat Rotert offered information about www.leagueathletics.com. The Web service could assist six associations with signups, scheduling and parent communications. For each additional group, the cost would be \$150 more. The SPRFA Board voted 5-0, to recommend the City loan \$1,000 of the \$1,375 annual fee. The City would get reimbursed by area sports organizations utilizing the service.

1.) Pool Policies and Fees approved

Spearfish City Council approved policies, hours (noon to 8 p.m. daily) and fees (patio and pool rentals). The rental rate for the pool patio will be \$25/ hour; garden patio is \$40/hour; and, water park at \$250/hour per 100 people.

2.) Upcoming Events

a. Special Olympics

FYI - The games will be held Friday, April 24, from 8-3 at Lyle Hare Stadium. Volunteers are still needed.

b. Senior Games

FYI – The games will be held at various locations May 15-16. Pinnacle and Bridge at the Sr. Center were added this year. \$15 for registration this year. Included T-shirt, medals, Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast. Registration forms available at Rec Center.

c. Hershey Track and Field Meet

FYI – **youth Ages 9 to 14**, Registration deadline is May 19th the games will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, at the Lyle Hare Stadium. Athletes can register for 2 track and 1 field event or 2 field and 1 track event. Registration forms available at the Rec Center.

d. Swimming Lessons

FYI – The SRAC will offer swimming lessons and water aerobics. Sessions 1-4 Swimming Lessons, June 15 to Aug. 21, will cost \$35 for SRAC members and \$40 for non-members. Three 3-week sessions of Water Aerobics, June 1 to Sept. 4, will be offered \$25 for SRAC members

and \$30 for non-members. Rauterkus offered a comparison of pricing from other area pools. Board recommended all approved fees.

3.) Pool Grand Opening

The SRAC will admit the first 750 people during the May 23rd Grand Opening of the water park. One of more non-perishable food items will be accepted in exchange for admission. The Spearfish mayor plans to conduct a drawing at the schools to award inaugural sliding into the pool. A soft opening will also be held 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 20th. Splash 'n Dash holders, along with SRAC special guests will be invited. Media campaign will launch on May 1st to encourage pre-purchase of water park passes.

4.) Signage

Quotes have been submitted for reclamation of the former Wal-Mart sign on North Avenue. Options will be presented at next meeting.

5.) Mtn. Bike Dirt Park request

Informational item - Hoffman said she has received requests for a track to be built for BMX and mountain bikes. Hepper noted the idea of planning a course at the south edge of the campground will not do. Discussion will continue with PW Administrator Johnson.

6.) Arbor Day – Keith

An Arbor Day celebration will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25.

7.) Review Rec Grant request from B.H. Nordic, Perry Hansen

After review of the Black Hills Nordic \$500 grant application for gas, wax and snacking funds,, the SPRFA Board requested the application be returned to Perry Hansen for clarification. In its original condition, the application would be denied. Hoffman will follow-up.

Additional Items:

Newly elected SPRFA Board Member Jerry Hargis will attend the next meeting and Brian Meyer was re-elected to the board.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT NOON MONDAY,
May 18, 2009, Spearfish Rec Center Party Room**

