



CITY OF SPEARFISH

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Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009

Staff/Members present: Alecia Hoffman, Kris Hayes, Brett Rauterkus, Brian Meyer, Karen Hahn, Kendra Aplan, Paul Young, Teri Royer and Kelly Elletson. Others present were: Jan Kaus for Barb Cline and Kris Garlick. Absent were Barb Cline, Charlie Neilson, Dillon Haug, Eric Hanson and Keith Hepper.

Some 20 students from per Chris Klinger's BHSU Community Recreation Class were in attendance.

1. **Board Member Consideration – Jerry Hargis**

Hahn moved, Hayes seconded, to recommend the Spearfish mayor appoint Jerry Hargis, a volunteer coordinator for Spearfish Senior Games, to the Spearfish Parks, Recreation & Forestry Advisory Board. SPRFA Board approved 2-0.

2. **Pope & Talbot Teener Field Improvements** – Tabled – Hepper will present in March

3. **Roof for seating at Legion Field** – Tabled – Hepper will present in March

4. **New Scoreboards at Adult Softball Fields**

Hoffman explained three generic scoreboards are being looked at for the fields. Hepper is working with Black Hills State University and the Spearfish Adult Baseball Association at possible financial commitments. Details are pending.

5. **Building removal High School Tennis Courts**

Hahn said the city was asked to remove the dugout and concessions building on the lot near the new SHS tennis courts. She reported that the project is complete. A new building with bathrooms and concessions is in early stages of planning.

6. **Fire Wise Project on Lookout Mountain** – Tabled – Hepper will present in March

7. **Rock Wall at State Street** – Tabled – Hepper will present in March

8. **Silver Sneakers Program coming to SRC**

Elletson said SRC was accepted as a host site for Silver Sneakers Program. The announcement comes with the rewards, including training staff for Silver Sneakers' certified classes and 30 pieces of fitness equipment. The supplemental insurance provider, Humana, rewards its clients with reimbursements or free memberships to the SRC facility.

9. **SRC hiring part-time and summer staff**

Rauterkus noted, the SRC is looking to hire 30 employees for summer. Positions include lifeguards, concessions, maintenance and front desk assistants. Applications are available on the City of Spearfish Website.

Lifeguard courses will be offered at the SRC and Young Center pool beginning in March. Class 1: March 11-14, Class 2: March 27-29 and April 3-5. Location: Spearfish Recreation Center (SRC) and the Young Center. Cost is \$175. Registration forms must be turned into the Spearfish

Recreation Center at least 3 days before class begins. The class is limited to the first 10 paid participants.

10. An estimated 10-11 lifeguards will be needed each shift at the SRC water park with a plausible 650 swimmers attending once the pool opens Memorial Day weekend.

11. **SRC Room Rental update**

Garlick said room rental were snowballing. Next Tuesday, there are six rentals with a variety of activities – from dog obedience, Bible study, healthy cooking to league basketball. The birthday parties and meetings are also increasing in the facility.

Hoffman described a boxing program organizer has interest in collaborating with the SRC. The organizer, a golden gloves boxer with a successful program in Deadwood, would install a 20' x 20' boxing ring in the southwest corner of the building for boxing practice. For funding, a venue, drawing up to 600 spectators every other month afterhours at SRC, is being requested. It could be a revenue generator. The facility use policy still needs council determination. Currently, the proposal is up for discussion – no action has been taken.

Another proposal being discussed by the city council, tonight (Feb. 17), includes expansion of the fitness area at SRC. The plan to expand into the Lookout Room could fall within a “change order” under the original project plan offered by Williams & Associate to construct the SRC. With 1,300 members (900 adults), more area and machines are requested, said Hoffman. Commercial and industrial-grade equipment versus the standard-type of fitness equipment purchased was discussed for future purchases.

FYI –

- Hoffman said she is working with the City Finance Department to produce an accurate profit/loss statement. She hopes to have numbers at next month's meeting.
- Hoffman also noted \$3,000 in scholarship money was received – \$500 from Spearfish Optimists and \$2,500 from Premier Bankcard. So far she has had 19 requests for SRC scholarships. She questioned whether there should be a committee set up to set parameters for recipients to qualify? Yes seemed to be the consensus but no details were offered.
- The 2nd annual Health Fair is set for Saturday, Feb. 21, at the SRC. Vendors have reserved 34 booths and Hoffman said she is hopeful for 400 people to attend.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE 5:30 P.M. MONDAY, MARCH 23,
SPEARFISH REC CENTER**

