



CITY OF SPEARFISH

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Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Advisory Board MINUTES

Monday, July 20

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

* **Presentation** - Tiffany Arp, ex-official member of the board and Community Forester offered information about the Emerald Ash Borer. Considered a potential threat to South Dakota, the beetle from China has been identified in Iowa and is thought to now be in Wyoming. In Michigan, the bug is responsible for a loss of more than 8 million ash trees. South Dakota is working on forest management plans to keep the Emerald Ash Borer out of the state.

1 –Senior State Games Review - Al Weisbecker will be available for further discussion and review of space, volunteers, cost and games officials. At least 100 volunteers will be needed to do this well. Discussion with the University for use of the track will need to be completed prior to submission of the request.

2 – Youth Ratio Policy Change-

SRAC recommends an adult accompany a child and maintain a safe distance in the water.

For supervisors, 18-years-old and older, please adhere to the following:

- Supervision of children, 3-years-old and under should be at a 1:3 adult-to-toddler ratio with access to the zero-depth area of the water park.
A 1:1 ratio is required for all other pool areas.
- For children, ages 4 to 8 years old – a 1:5 adult-to-youth ratio is required.

The following limits have been established for supervision of children by a teen (at least 14 years old):

- No more than two children (ages 3-8 years old), or one child (age 3 and under), can be supervised by a teen, 14 to 17 years old.

Children, ages 9 and up, can swim on their own.

- Groups and organization should use cautious consideration when determining their supervision comfort level. Adult supervision requirements are at the discretion of the aquatics specialist or facility director. Contact SRAC staff, Kris Garlick for group reservations at 722-1430.

3 – Spearfish Recreation & Aquatics Center Sign- Local businesses are interested in space on our sign along Main St. Quotes from Daktronics, Fast Signs and Quik Signs are in progress.

4 – Festival in the Park – Some 30,000 people attended the event, according to Hepper. Activities in the park and the Corvette Classic downtown ran smoothly. The new stage on Main Street was a positive addition.

5 – Rotary Park – Irrigators will be on-site next week and the project is to be completed Sept. 1.

6 – State Street Wall – The proposal is before city council tonight. Stone layers have estimated costs at \$24,800. The project will be done in five sections. Grant requests have been issued.

7 – SDSU Trees for the Arboretum – The city acquired 43 trees in 10 different species for planting. In conjunction, Arp said, Paul Reece and representatives from the Washington office are expected to attend the Arbor Day celebration in Spearfish.

FYI:

- Butte Electric is donating rental of a billboard near Whitewood to the SRAC for 18 months.
- Attendance at SRAC during the weekend of July 17 was an all-time high of 2300.
- Black Hills State University will change out the bleachers in the gymnasium to stadium seating.
- The next state basketball tournament to be held in Spearfish will be in 2012. Hahn said Spearfish needs to entice people to stay like some east-river communities. Spearfish organizers are not getting the positive-experience feedback from the teams found in other communities. A visitors' bureau to promote Spearfish would be beneficial – like Visit Spearfish could coop.
- Jerry Hargis requested communicating rules for bike path users, like the information found on the Website. Hoffman recommended the information be included in the Rec Guide.
- SD State Special Olympics is requesting recommendations to fill vacancies on its board.

**NEXT MEETING is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, 2009
Spearfish Rec & Aquatics Center Party Room**

