



# CITY OF SPEARFISH

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## Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Advisory Board

### MINUTES

Monday, May 18

Board Members present: Brian Meyer, Charlie Neilson, Eric Hanson, Jerry Hargis 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 were Barb Cline and Karen Hahn.

#### 1.) Soft opening details announced

A soft opening of the Water Park will be held Wednesday, May 20, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Season pass holders, along with those involved with the creation of the water park have been invited.

A "number of saves" will be performed, according to Rauterkus. The event will be an opportunity for the 24 SRAC lifeguards to train.

The winners of the Mayor's Spearfish Slide Contest, currently being conducted at the Spearfish Schools, will be offered inaugural slides down the new park features.

#### 2.) Senior Games

Some 52 seniors, from throughout the Northern Hills, participated in the 2009 Senior Games. A record number of gold medals were distributed. Hargis said the event went well. Some recommendations for next year are to include pool (billiards) and horseshoes to the competitions, and to move the date of the event to July.

#### 3.) Overnight rental request

After discussion, a recommendation was made to move forward with establishing policy, procedure and rate considerations for overnight rentals of the Lookout Room. A youth organization has inquired about hosting a "lock-in." Hoffman said that the bathrooms attached to the Lookout Room could accommodate up to 200 people -- which could alleviate the need for use of the restrooms outside the Lookout Room area.

#### 4.) Black Hills Nordic Ski Club Grant

After review of the BH Nordic Ski Club's revised application, the SPRFA Board unanimously approved a \$500 grant for the club to purchase a \$1200 grooming roller. Board members thought the second application was more tangible and contained matching funds from the club.

#### Comments:

Kris Hayes said, because of time constraints, she will need to resign from the board in August. Discussion about a change in meeting times will be held at the June SPRFA Board meeting.

#### NEXT MEETING:

Noon, Monday, June 15, 2009, Spearfish Rec & Aquatics Center Party Room

