



# CITY OF SPEARFISH

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## **Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Advisory Board Monday, Sept. 21**

Staff present: Keith Hepper, Alecia Hoffman, Kelly Elletson, Jeana Wintersteen and Kris Garlick. Also present: Dillon Haug, Charlie Neilson and Jerry Hargis. Board Members absent: Eric Hanson, Barb Cline, Brian Meyer, Kris Hayes, Karen Hahn and Kendra Aplan. Councilmen Paul Young and Eric Davis were also absent.

1. **Heritage Spray Pad** – The water play feature opened two weeks ago at Heritage Park in Green Acres. A timer set for 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. allows water to spray for a 10 minute interval when the “On” button is pushed. Hepper noted there has been vandalism at the park and the button was broken. The spray pad is now closed for the winter, effective Sept. 15. Next spring the timer will be decreased to two minute periods.
2. **Rotary Park Update** – The park lawn is now re-seeded. Grass is beginning to grow.
3. **Frisbee Golf** – An 18-hole Frisbee Golf Course will be located on state property leased by the city just south of the Spearfish Hydroelectric Plant, east of the city campground. A \$4,500 contribution from the city will help the Countryside Disc Golf Club set up the Frisbee forms at nine holes. A path will run through the site. Archery hunting will continue to be allowed in the fall and winter when the course is closed. Don Altmeyer, of BHSU, helped lay out the course.
4. **Membership fees and renewal campaign** – Rates are going up at the Spearfish Recreation & Aquatics Center. Beginning 2010, a 25 percent increase across the board will be made.

Effective Jan. 1, 2010:

The monthly cost of annual rec memberships will be:

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| Adult         | \$15.75 |
| Youth         | \$12.50 |
| Seniors       | \$12.50 |
| Couple        | \$23.50 |
| Family        | \$39.00 |
| Senior Couple | \$18.75 |

The monthly cost of annual Splash & Dash (Rec and Water Park) memberships will be:

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| Adult         | \$22.50 |
| Youth         | \$20.00 |
| Seniors       | \$20.00 |
| Couple        | \$37.50 |
| Family        | \$55.00 |
| Senior Couple | \$32.50 |

Water Park Day Passes will rise from \$5 to \$7.

- Some 46,000 patrons visited the water park this summer.
- Nearly one month (28 days) of weather-related closes occurred.
- The water park reached capacity (700) more than 30 days this summer.
- With 4 months remaining, as of Aug. 31, SRAC reported \$359,000 in expenses and \$491,000 in revenue. The 2010 budget increased \$250,000.

Some advisory members thought the increase in prices was a big jump and asked why prices were raised when the balance sheet is in the black. Increased cost analysis at the SRAC (chemicals and staff payroll) and concern from local competitors who thought the pricing was undercut were factors causing some of the increase.

Nearly 300 memberships are expiring before the end of the year so a renewal campaign is in progress. Current rates apply. With each renewal, the member will receive a 10-day membership gift card to be issued for a friend.

#### 5. **SRAC Update:**

Fitness coordinator, programs and volleyball – William Domogall is the new fitness coordinator. In addition, the city council approved hiring fitness instructors to teach classes. Recruiting is being done this week.

Businesses like Premiere Bankcard are paying an hourly fee for fitness instruction for their employees.

Oct. 22 is our one-year anniversary at the SRAC. The staff will look at hosting an open house.

Recreational Volleyball League play begins Sunday, if a minimum of four teams sign on.

Basketball League play will begin in November (5-on-5 men's and women's) and January for (3-on-3 men's and women's).

Skate Night for families will be held Oct. 29 and a Fall Carnival will be held Oct. 30.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT NOON MONDAY,  
Oct. 19, 2009, Spearfish Rec & Aquatics Center Party Room**

