

PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

November 22, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairwoman Valerie Zak, Committee Member Nicholas Hanek, Committee Member Tom Miller, Brian Ousley, Joseph Delsanter, Anthony Capretta, Michael Abella Jr., City Manager/Safety Director Carl DeForest, Parks & Recreation Director Taylor Petkovsek, Law Director Ken Fisher, Police Chief Brian Ohlin, Assistant Director Lynette Ozanich, Council Elect Tim Smith, Engineer Matt Jones, Council Clerk Laura Timura, News Media.

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Taylor Petkovsek, Parks and Recreation Director, gave the committee an update. She said they are working through the process of hiring a superintendent at the recreation center. Once things are finalized, they will make an official announcement. Ms. Petkovsek is hoping that the person that has been selected for that role can start by December 6.

Medina County Building Trade students came out for about 2 weeks straight in the afternoons to make repairs to all of the buildings that had severe weather damage or had been vandalized. All of the buildings were primed and they just need to be painted. Ms. Petkovsek hopes they can get volunteers or recreation center staff to paint in the spring. They are trying to find a way to thank the students.

A grant has been awarded for \$61,040 for the inclusive playground. The grant was applied for by the City of Brunswick. This is in addition to the fundraising efforts that Leann is working on with Brunswick City Schools. The City has set aside \$150,000 for the project. There are not any official numbers on how much was raised through fundraising yet. Ms. Petkovsek is hoping to have these numbers very soon.

The 30th Anniversary for the recreation center is being celebrated during the entire month of December. Starting December 1, there will be a challenge to see how many people visit the recreation center more than 25 times. They would be entered to win a free recreation center membership in 2022. The recreation center will have spin to wins every Thursday, giveaways, free food days, etc.

They have partnered with the library for a December 5, Drive Thru Christmas Event. Santa will be passing out cookies and hot cocoa in handicap spots in front of recreation center. This is a great opportunity, for people not comfortable getting out to visit with Santa

On December 10, there will be a free event for members to swim with Santa and have light refreshments. Non-members can also participate for \$3.

There will also be a Mystery Day on December 18 and a Christmas Karaoke in the Pool with Santa Day on December 21. If anyone can tell what day the recreation center had its Grand Opening in 1991, they will be entered to win a 2022 recreation center membership at the 1991 membership rate. In 1991 a family membership was \$30 for an annual membership.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business, Mr. Hanek moved to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. Vote – 3 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Valerie Zak".

Valerie Zak
Chairwoman