

MEETING MINUTES - CITY OF TOMAH

A meeting of the **Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC)** for the City of Tomah was held on Monday the 6th day of March 2017 at 5:45 p.m., City of Tomah Council Chambers.

The following members were present: Oak Moser, Dir. Joe Protz, Larry Siekert, Steve Doll, Bruce Peth, Shirley Galstad-Roh, Dustin Powell, Tess Saunders, Mike Murray

The following members were absent: Mike Murray

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Others present: Roger Gorius

Act on Minutes of regular meeting. A motion by Moser, to accept the minutes of the 1/23/17 regular meeting, second by Peth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on Special Olympics Tomah: Dir Protz has met with the Tomah Area School District to discuss the Special Olympics programs that are currently run with T ASD paid coaches. Dir. Protz would like to expand the offerings and reviewed the possibility of having some staff within the City of Tomah Parks and Rec Dept. Staff wages would come from the Recreation Programs. There are approx. 51 eligible persons for Special Olympics in the Tomah area, approx. 13 of them are current students within T ASD. The Park And Rec Dept may be better suited to provide Special Olympic opportunities beyond what T ASD is able to provide and on a broader basis with regards to participants. The Tomah area is designated Agency 626 within the State of WI Special Olympics program. There is a local Tomah area volunteer board which Dir Protz is a member of. Some funding comes from the state but cannot be used to pay staff. A part time staff member may be needed within Parks and Rec Dept to help with administration. Funding requirements for staff (or aids or coaches) would be minor and Dir Protz and City Administrator Roger Gorius felt that the Dept could absorb what would be needed. Dir Protz would like to pursue talks with T ASD regarding moving the Special Olympics program to the Parks and Rec Dept. Motion by Galstad-Roh, second by Saunders, to direct/approve Dir Protz to continue talks with T ASD and return with a proposal for review. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion of a storage agreement for Rec Park: Dir Protz discussed with the PRC the possibility of providing storage at Rec Park during the winter. Rec Park Maintenance worker Dan Murphy has provided a sample of an agreement that the City of New Lisbon has used for a similar program. It is a possible source of revenue for Rec Park. The area being evaluated for storage is the arena/pit area which has an asphalt surface. There was discussion about potential liability, concern over competing with local business alternatives for storage, MCAS gets requests for possible storage from citizens at large. Dir Protz will discuss potential liability issues with the City Attorney, and continue evaluating the New Lisbon approach, and will return to the PRC with any recommendations. No action taken.

Parks and Rec Program Report: Dir. Protz reviewed the monthly Parks and Recreation Program Report. Rec Dept activities continue. Facilities are

maintaining high usage rates with many different programs and events. Meadow Valley Log Homes is willing to donate stain, caulk, and new signs for the DNR log cabin at Rec Park maintenance.

Other Affairs:

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Motion by Peth to adjourn, second by Siekert. All ayes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Next regular monthly meeting to be held April 17, 2017, 5:45PM in Council chambers.

Respectfully Submitted: Oak Moser