

MEETING MINUTES - CITY OF TOMAH

A meeting of the **Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC)** for the City of Tomah was held on Monday the 26th day of June 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, Shirley Galstad-Roh, Tess Saunders, Mike Murray

The following members were absent: Dustin Powell, Bruce Peth

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Others present: Roger Gorious, Nellie Pater, Keifer Lamont

Act on Minutes of regular meeting. A motion by Saunders, to accept the minutes of the 5/22/17 regular meeting, second by Siekert. All ayes. Motion carried.

Tomah Aquatic Center Repairs: Director presented a video identifying concerns and needed repairs at the Aquatic Center. Over the last few years, multiple repairs have taken place to repair underground leaks. In early June, a substantial leak developed (to the point of running pumps dry and their automatic shutdown). Some evaluation found the leak to be in one of the water lines supporting one zone of the four-zone pool. That line was plugged and the pool is able to operate with 3 zones at this time. The situation requires a more permanent fix that will require excavation, evaluation and repair of at least one pipe line supporting the pools recirculation system. A quick fix was quoted at \$60,000 that does not require excavation but which is essentially a band aid with a short life span. A quote is forthcoming for the required excavation and repair. It is anticipated to be closer to \$100,000. Any repair would likely be completed immediately following the swim season assuming the current situation does not worsen. Motion made by Moser, second by Saunders, to direct Dir Protz and Administrator Gorious to recommend to the City Council that these repairs be approved and funded. The current pool budget includes \$50,000 that was to be used to upgrade/replace a filter system. This work can be delayed and those funds potentially used since this is considered a lower priority than the current repair needs. All ayes, motion carried.

The discussion continued and included a brief update on the efforts of the Total Force Swim group in Tomah and their desire to have an indoor pool/facility in Tomah. There will be an invitation only informational session July 10, 11AM at the Heartland Cranberry Mall with a presentation from USA Swimming organization to review all the logistics around indoor pool projects and ongoing operations. If you have an interest in attending, please contact Director Protz.

Update on North Lake Recreation Trail: Dir Protz presented a draft layout of the addition to the Recreation Trail. The plan would be to connect the existing trail network in the area of the Lake/dam, to the west and connect with Alyssa Street. It is anticipated such an extension would remove significant foot and bike traffic from County ET which does not have provisions to accommodate such traffic safely. It also connects the west side of Tomah to the east side via

the trail system. It is anticipated that this work will still be completed in 2017. No action taken.

Parks and Rec Program Report: Dir. Protz reviewed the monthly Parks and Recreation Program Report. Rec Dept activities continue with summer programs, maintenance and implementation. Lots of activity at Rec Park this past month and scheduled in July. Some vehicles were vandalized at Rec Park requiring \$5500 of repairs.

Other Affairs:

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Motion by Saunders to adjourn, second by Murray. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47PM.

Next regular monthly meeting to be held July 24, 2017, 5:45PM in Council chambers.

Respectfully Submitted: Oak Moser