

MEETING MINUTES - CITY OF TOMAH

A meeting of the **Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC)** for the City of Tomah was held on Monday the 30th day of Oct. 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, Dustin Powell, Bruce Peth,

The following members were absent: Mike Murray

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Others present: Roger Gorius, Chuck Hausman

Act on Minutes of regular meeting. A motion by Powell, to accept the minutes of the 9/25/17 regular meeting with a couple spelling corrections (Director of Public Works Kirk Arity's last name, and "develop" should be "developed" in the discussion of the public restroom for Gillette Park) second by Siekert. All ayes. Motion carried.

Request from Tomah Youth Hockey Club (TYHC) to manage open skate at the Tomah Ice Center: Past practice has been for Park and Rec to provide the on-site staff to supervise the open skate (currently at a cost of approx. \$575 to the City). TYHC operates the rink and runs concessions during open skate sessions. In the past open skating has been free to participants. TYHC offered a proposal to Dir Protz to take over the supervisory duties for open skate sessions with the provision to charge a \$2.00 fee to skaters for each session. TYHC commits to having a board member present for each scheduled session, will continue to provide concessions, and has a supply of skates that can be used by participants while they last. The open skating sessions would then act as a fund raiser for TYHC. For this upcoming winter ice season, there are 11 open ice sessions scheduled, all on Saturday evenings as they have been in the past, 6:30-9:30PM. There was a great deal of discussion on whether Parks and Rec should remain involved, about the \$2 fee vs the "free" that open skates have been in the past, whether more skates can be made available for participants, communications of the schedule should changes occur and confusion between the City and TYHC, etc... A motion was made by Peth, seconded by Powell, to enter in a one year trial where TYHC takes over supervision and control of the open skate sessions, TYHC can charge the \$2 fee with the exception that two of the 11 sessions need to remain free of charge, and that TYHC will provide a report to Dir Protz in time for the May PRC meeting detailing, attendance, revenues, and plans to maintain/develop the program (skate availability, number of sessions, etc...). All ayes, motion carried.

Request to sponsor/host US Floorball Sanctioned Tournament in Tomah: Chuck Hausman was present to represent the Tomah Floorball Club (TFC) and discussed current floorball activities in Tomah and Sparta, past unsanctioned tournaments held in Tomah, that floorball interest is growing in our area, two Tomah students have participated with US National teams (Nate Hausman, Jenna Hausman), and that TFC desires to hold a US Floorball Nationally Sanctioned tournament that will grow the sport locally and attract teams from all over the country to stay in Tomah for a 3 day event. The proposed venue is the Tomah Ice

Center in the month of August. The event would be Friday, Saturday, Sunday. A minimum of 10 teams are expected. Funding for the event will be the responsibility of TFC and comes from the team entry fees. Hausman presented the PRC with the US Floorball guidelines and communicated that TFC would be responsible for meeting those requirements for the specific court required, staffing, officiating, etc... What is requested of Tomah Park and Rec's is use of the facility, and some assistance with set up, tear down, maintenance of the facility. Motion by Moser, second by Saunders, to approve TFC's request to host the event at the Tomah Ice Center and to work with Dir Protz on actual dates and coordination. All ayes, motion carried.

Special Olympics Update: Dir Protz has been working closely with the Tomah School District and Special Olympics Tomah regarding the growing participation in the Special Olympics and the best way to manage/coordinate these activities going forward. The current system is working well but the opportunity/need exists for the Tomah Park and Rec Department to assist with hiring coaches/staff for the adult population for Special Olympics. Current participants include both students and adults and the adult participation is growing. Dir Protz anticipates wages for additional staffing to be \$2500-3500 and City Administrator Gorius and Dir Protz have those funds available within the current proposed budget. Motion by Moser, second by Powell to recommend/approve this Special Olympics staffing need be supported by the Park and Rec Dept. All ayes, motion carried.

Five-year Capital Project Plan Review: Dir Protz reviewed the proposed five-year capital project plan highlighting more significant items (splash pad for aquatic center, Butts Park parking lot/walkways, Veteran's Park road paving, storage shelter at Winnebago Park, continued repairs/improvements at Rec Park to include infrastructure work), all identified for 2018. Motion by Galstad-Roh, second by Siekert to approve the five-year capital plan as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Parks and Rec Program Report: Dir Protz reviewed the October program report. Winterizing activities and preparation for winter sports have been underway. The aquatic center leak repair is complete, including two other sources of water leaks found during the repair.

Other Affairs:
- none

Motion by Peth to adjourn, second by Powell. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Next regular monthly meeting to be held Nov 27, 2017, 5:45PM, in Council chambers.

Respectfully Submitted: Oak Moser