

City of Franklin
Parks & Recreation Committee
January 28th, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman George Dzjuna, Councilor Ted Starkweather, Councilor Steve Barton, and Parks and Recreation Director Krystal Alpers

Chairman Dzjuna welcomed Councilor Barton. Director Alpers took the group on a tour of the facility and explained the use of each room.

Director Alpers went over the current programs in the building and explained the ability to increase multiple programs happening at the same time with the new space. She explained both basketball and soccer numbers were up along with some of the other smaller program numbers. She stated the Summer Program was a huge success with the multiple rooms especially on rain days.

Councilor Dzjuna stated the Community Meeting Room is a great meeting space that can be offered to the community for various meetings. This would also bring in additional revenue to the City. Director Alpers stated the rentals for the various rooms for baby showers, birthdays, etc. has increased significantly.

The group discussed the new Boys and Girls Club and Director Alpers explained how they are currently offering the same After School Programing and does not think this is a true need in the City as there is still openings in the Cities program. She explained the Boys and Girls Club initially stated they were going to target the students that the City was not, and that is not what has happened. She stated it is unfortunate that they are not working with the City to meet the needs of all the youth in our community.

Director Alpers stated she is close to accepting Credit Cards. The agreement is currently being reviewed with Attorney Paul Fitzgerald and will move forward once approved.

The group discussed the upcoming budget. Director Alpers stated she would be putting in for a Part time Administrative Assistant. She explained one of the Event Supervisors positions has molded into an Administrative Assistant over time which has taken away from the intent of the position not allowing that person to help with the programing as much. This Event Supervisor position is currently open and therefore, she would like to hire an Event Supervisor as intended for the position and bring in an Administrative Assistant if approved in the budget. Director Alpers stated the Recreation Department is the only City Department without an Administrative Assistant and one is very much needed so the Event Supervisor can help with the programing.

Director Alpers also stated she plans to reach out to the Lakes Region Airport Shuttle to see if it would be cheaper to hire them to transport students to and from golf and swim lessons as she does not need a full size bus to do this. Councilor Barton suggested writing a letter to the Lakes

Region Community Services as they may be able to help in offering a 15 passenger van. He would investigate this once Director Alpers sent him the request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Alpers
Parks and Recreation Director