

City of Franklin
Parks & Recreation Committee
February 6th, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman George Dzjuna, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Paul Trudel, Parks and Recreation Director Krystal Alpers

Councilor Dzujna presented the group with a Recreation Plan listing items that he had gathered for discussion from various people/organizations throughout the City. He asked that we review the items and bring additional ideas to the next meeting where we can also prioritize items to be addressed. Many of these items could be addressed by outside organizations or not addressed at all. They are a beginning point for discussion.

The group also discussed the need to determine what we feel the Recreation Department should be for the City of Franklin. Should we offer programs and activities for children, adults, seniors, or a combination. We need to determine what the vision of the department should be to ensure we are offering and targeting the most appropriate citizens.

Councilor Clarenbach felt it was important to focus on what we currently offer and make it the best with the funds that we have before adding additional items – whether it be programming, parks, etc.

Councilor Trudel questioned what family programs are offered and Director Alpers explained we have very few as it seems to be very difficult to get families as a whole to participate. The age specific programs – basketball, soccer, tennis, etc. seem to be the most successful. The group discussed the school seems to have the same difficulties in trying to get parents involved. There is a core group of parents involved – and they are involved in everything but there are a lot of others that the community continually tries to get involved without much success. Director Alpers also discussed the need for different advertising in an effort to reach more of the community. However, this would cost more than what is currently budgeted for.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of moving to Bessie Rowell – specifically the Summer Program. All advantages seem to out way the concerns and most of the concerns can be addressed by scheduling differently.

The committee discussed when we would review budget material and we felt in April would be the best. Director Alpers also advised the committee she will be putting together two budgets for the committee and Manager to review as there may be a need for an after school program and additional spaces in the summer program. Currently, the school and community partners are