

City of Franklin
Parks & Recreation Committee
March 7th, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman George Dzujna, Councilor Scott Clarenbach, Councilor Paul Trudel, City Manager Elizabeth Dragon and Parks and Recreation Director Krystal Alpers

The Committee further discussed the Recreation Plan that Councilor Dzujna presented last meeting. The group felt that we really need to focus on what we have now and make it the best with the funding we have. Though some of these items could be address by outside organizations, the City is not in a position to maintain new things. Manager Dragon explained this needs to be city wide as well as we can just not continue to maintain what we have now let alone new things.

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.

Director Alpers also put together two budgets should there be a need for an after school program and additional spaces in the summer program. Currently, the school and community partners are working to obtain grant funding to implement a program now that Casey Family Services will no longer be in existence but if they are not successful citizens will most likely be looking at the Recreation Department to offer a program as many communities do. The school/community partners will not be notified of the grant funding until May so in an effort to be proactive Director Alpers will have budget numbers reedy should there be a need in the community for an afterschool program and additional spaces in our summer program.

The April meeting will focus on the proposed budget along with revenue and expenditures of our existing programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Parks and Recreation Director