

City of Franklin
Parks & Recreation Committee
March 23rd, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman George Dzjuna, Councilor Steve Barton, City Manager Dragon and Parks and Recreation Director Krystal Alpers

Director Alpers gave the committee an update on the Before and After School Program. The program started with 70 students in the after school program and 36 in the before school program. Since the start of the program, 10 have moved out of town and 7 have dropped as they do not need the service any longer. 16 students do both the before and after school program, and there are an additional 8 children that generally only come on snow days or delays. As of the end of February, the program has brought in \$44,000 and has expended \$24,800. Therefore, the program has brought in \$19,200. However, next time this year, due to employee benefits change we would be at approximately \$14,000 of additional revenue. Director Alpers also stated that the city has lost approximately \$15,000 in revenue to date by having another program in the city provided by another organization which is duplicating services.

Director Alpers stated she has submitted her budget to the City Manager. Most everything is similar to this year's budget with the exception of a request for a part time administrative assistant. There are a few other items that are included in the budget request like a tire swing for Odell, gutters, gym fans and a security camera for the Community Center. Manager Dragon stated we may use the capital reserve if needed for the items related to the Community Center.

Director Alpers went over the current programs. She explained the basketball numbers were down a little this year but soccer remained about the same. Other smaller programs like archery and dance have increased numbers. Director Alpers explained the new lego club that is run by volunteers has been a big hit. We also had our first annual Father Daughter Dance which was very successful therefore; we will now be doing a Mother Son event in the spring.

Councilor Barton asked about adult programming and Director Alpers stated we offer Zumba, pick up basketball, pick up floor hockey and now yoga. Director Alpers stated the rentals have increased drastically over the past year. She explained that they have been taking time away from open gym on the weekends and will therefore be designating certain times for rentals leaving a set time for open gym for the kids.

Director Alpers explained two new partnerships. One with Quickwater Canoe & Kayak which will offer kayak and paddle board rentals at Webster Lake as well as lessons and cardio kayaking. She is working out the details with the company now and hopes to have information out to the community soon.

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She is also partnering with the Webster Lake Association to help them find Lake Hosts to help check the boats that are put into Webster Lake. Her hope is to use the beach attendants that are hired which will offer them additional hours. This will be a separate job from beach attending and the employee will be paid directly from the Association and not the City.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krystal Alpers

Parks and Recreation Director