

Ad Hoc Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2011
7:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Jane Lardahl, Brian Flynn, George Adrian, Beth Arneberg, and
Audrey Stowell

Others: Dick Hebert

1. Discuss Park and Recreation organization options and staffing. Discussed citizen input into the process, contacts we have had from public, and noted that all meetings are noticed and open to the public. Discussed ideal structure of director, park supervisor, and recreation supervisor, but structure of director, park foreman, and recreation supervisor is desirable. Given the budget restraints, director, park foreman, and part-time recreation supervisor may be only option at this time. Discussed that one of the negatives of having a part-time recreation supervisor would be potential of frequent turnover. Discussion of some of the recent survey results and the overall good rating of parks and rec dept. as well as the desire to keep those ratings. While we can look at ways to save money, we do not want to make cuts that end up harming the department. Discussed option of contacting Cathy Krula at the Y and potentially others to discuss possibility of taking over some of the management responsibilities of the pool and finding out what the cost of that would be. Would need to look at cost analysis - this could be done by a full-time recreation supervisor but probably not by a seasonal supervisor. Also discussed possibility of contacting the other area pools to find out if savings could be obtained by purchasing as a group. Sponsorships would be another possibility for raising funds to cover pool overhead. Also discussed secretarial position and possibility of re-locating city hall staff so that there would be coverage available when Mary is gone. Also discussed moving payroll or accounting functions to one individual. Discussed that registration process has been simplified and is mostly being done online. Also discussed that many calls from the public could be eliminated if more information were available online. Elimination of fall programs was discussed. Dick handed out the revenue and expense of fall programs. There is an approximate gain of \$15,000 from these programs. This program could continue with a full-time recreation position but would likely need to be discontinued with a seasonal recreation supervisor. While saving money on the recreational supervisor, also losing the revenue. Actual figures for positions being discussed will be obtained. Discussed having a proposal ready for a meeting with the Committee as a Whole, Park Board, and Ad Hoc Committee on August 2nd.
2. Adjournment. **Motion by Brian Flynn, seconded by George Adrian, all present voting aye, to adjourn at 8:30 a.m.**

Submitted by:

Audrey Stowell, Secretary