

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 25, 2011
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order by President Curt Stepanek.

Roll Call: Members Present: Beth Arneberg, Jane Lardahl, Audrey Stowell, Curt Stepanek, Carmen Muenich and Dale Berg. Absent: Heidi Hoekstra.

Staff present: Dick Hebert, Terry Johnson, and Jennifer London.

2. Personal Appearances. None.

3. 2012 Department Budget. Dick reports that recycling was added to the budget. Recycling is a state and county mandate, and it may be required at both Irvine and Casper Parks. The problem is that if anyone throws any garbage in with the recycling, then it cannot be recycled. Proposed revenue figures still need to be given to Lynne.

Heidi Hoekstra arrives at this time.

Discussion regarding the City's overall budget shortfall. Jane indicates that the final budget will be ready in three weeks. Dick reports that he has requested funds for two Gators in the 2012 budget.

4. Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations. Review and discussion of the ad hoc committee's recommendations. Discussion included having Internet access, texting between staff, and regular staff meetings. Also discussed the recreation supervisor position, training for staff, tree removal, and neighborhood parks. Dick felt the Friends of the Parks should be a priority in terms of increasing donations/revenue. Also discussed was having fees for use of Casper Park be allocated to operations part of budget.
5. Board Member comments or concerns. Carmen commented that he would like options for the pool to be looked at, including contacting outside groups and inquiring about leasing. Discussion followed.
6. Adjournment. **Motion by Beth Arneberg, seconded by Heidi Hoekstra, all present voting aye, to adjourn.**

Submitted by:
Audrey Stowell, Secretary