

**OSSEO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 7, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Osseo Parks & Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Kerstin Schulz at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Dee Bonn, Harold Johnson, Ashlee Mueller, Kerstin Schulz, Dori Trossen, and Alicia Vickerman.

Absent: Committee member Kara Wolf.

Others present: Community Management Coordinator Joe Amerman

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Amerman requested the Committee elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2023.

A motion was made by Vickerman, seconded by Mueller, to elect Kerstin Schulz as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee for 2023. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Vickerman, seconded by Bonn, to elect Ashlee Mueller as Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee for 2023. The motion passed 6-0.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Trossen, to approve the meeting's agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

5. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Vickerman, seconded by Mueller, to approve the October 4, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Schulz advised the public that this is the time for public comments. There were no public comments.

7. SPECIAL BUSINESS

There was no special business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2023 OSSEO SUMMER SPORTS SCHEDULE

Amerman stated like past years, Osseo Youth Sports will take place on Monday and Wednesday nights at Sipe Park. There will be two sports offered each night, for a variety of ages. Classes will begin at 5:15 pm with the youngest children and end at 8:10 pm for the oldest. Ages will range from 2-10. In 2022 the city changed the summer schedule from 3 five-week sessions to 3 four-week sessions, this will be continued in 2023. RevSports has found that this allows them to keep all of their partners on the same schedule, so in the event coaches need to be unexpectedly moved around they can still ensure that the programming is consistent. Staff reviewed the proposed sports schedule in further detail with the Committee.

Amerman explained the major change from 2022 is in the cost of fees to the city, which is increasing from \$47.50 to \$52.00 per participant. (In 2021 it was \$42.50). Much like in 2022, this is due to rising operating costs, particularly in the cost of coaches. While this wasn't anticipated, the city is fortunate that in planning for 2022 the cost of registration that the city charges was increased by \$7.00 for both residents and non-residents, which means that the city is in a pretty good position to accommodate the increase in 2023 fees without passing costs on to the residents. This is made possible by the higher participation rates of non-resident families, who currently pay \$59.50 per participant per session.

Amerman reported despite the increase in fees, staff is recommending continuing to partner with RevSports in 2023. However, in the fall of 2023 when the Committee normally reviews its summer programming, staff plans on asking the Committee whether they would like staff to at least explore other partnership opportunities. Particularly if rates continue to increase. RevSports has been the city's partner for a number of years, and they've always provided high quality programming for some to the lowest costs in the metro, but it may be worthwhile to examine what other possibilities exist.

The Committee asked staff to address the cracks in the basketball court and to see if there were funds available to resurface the court.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Vickerman, to approve the proposed 2023 Osseo Youth Sports Program. The motion passed 6-0.

B. 2023 MUSIC AND MOVIES IN THE PARK EVENTS

Amerman stated as in 2022, the 2023 MMIP calendar will have 9 dates over the course of the summer. This includes each Tuesday from June 13 through the end of August, with the exceptions of July 4, August 1 (Night to Unite), and August 29 (reserved as a rain date). Staff has already arranged for performances on six of the nine nights, though official contracts won't be sent for signature until there is official Council approval. There are nearly a dozen other performers that have contacted the city about filling the remaining dates, so staff does not expect any difficulty in filling those dates. The goal of scheduling has been to produce a mix of returning favorites, introduce some new performers, and bring back some highly regarded groups that have visited in the past but haven't been able to take part in recent years. The city will once again be partnering with Swank Motion Pictures to provide movie screenings at the series. Staff has been notified that the cost per movie is increasing to \$495. The schedule of movies was reviewed with the Committee.

Amerman reported total expenditures for 2022 ended up totaling \$12,492.17. It is likely that once completely fill out the budget for this year will be similar though slightly higher. Staff believes that, given the current structure of the schedule, budgets in future years will likely rise slightly year over year, but in small, predictable increments. In simpler terms, there are only so many Tuesdays in a summer. Now that the city has settled on filling them (with the three exceptions) with both performances and movies, there are few ways in which the expenses can drastically rise. The small increases will be the result of escalating performance fees and the costs of licensing movies.

Bonn explained it was her understanding the food trucks were not happy in 2022 and questioned if the City should have them in 2023.

Schulz supported the City targeting more low-scale food trucks.

Vickerman agreed with this recommendation.

Trossen suggested the City pursue non-profit food trucks.

The consensus of the Committee was to support the City having food trucks again in 2023.

Schulz requested staff write up a script for the emcee to read each night that would acknowledge the donors that make the Music and Movies in the Park possible.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Vickerman, to approve the proposed 2023 Music and Movies in the Park plans. The motion passed 6-0.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None
10. STAFF & COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS – None
11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Bonn, seconded by Mueller, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minute Maker Secretarial