

OSSEO PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 29, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Osseo Parks & Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Kerstin Schulz at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 29, 2024.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Dee Bonn, Ashlee Mueller, Dan Penny, Kerstin Schulz, and Dori Trossen

Absent: Committee members Alicia Vickerman and Kara Wolf

Others present: Community Management Coordinator Jessica Rieland

3. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Penny, to approve the meeting's agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

5. SPECIAL BUSINESS

There was no special business.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSS YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM

Rieland stated after the Parks Committee met several weeks ago, staff learned that Rev Sports requires 90 days of programming. If the City were to remove the second session, the City would have to pay staff minimums, which was \$1,000 per sport. Instead of paying a penalty and pulling the session, the recommendation is to add these sessions back into the youth sports programs for 2024. Staff reviewed the discussion that was held by the committee on February 5 and reviewed the options that were available to the committee. She explained the committee could opt to add session two to the schedule, canceling classes that do not meet the minimum registration requirements two weeks prior to the start date or paying for additional registrations to meet the minimums.

Mueller questioned how much the City paid last year in make up registrations in order to meet Rev Sports registration requirements. Rieland indicated the City paid \$1,100 in registration fees in 2023.

Schulz explained she spoke with Rev Sports and understood last year was a bit of an anomaly because Joe Amerman had left the City and Ms. Rieland was not yet on staff. In addition, there was the Canadian fires, which led to some families not registering for outdoor classes. She indicated the City had allotted \$13,000 in the budget for youth sports programming. For this reason, she supported adding the second session back into the programming with staff promoting all sessions.

Rieland reported staff had created gateway sign messaging along with Facebook and Instagram posts with QR codes. In addition, she was working to get posters printed that could be hung in local businesses. She stated Ed Columbus was seeking sponsorships for youth programming from local business owners. It was noted the information regarding youth sports would also be printed in the upcoming City newsletter and a flyer would be included in the next utility billing cycle.

Mueller suggested a flyer for the youth sports programming be included in the fire departments easter baskets for the upcoming easter egg hunt. The Committee supported this recommendation.

Rieland noted she would be contacting all local civic groups such as the Lions, American Legion and Fire Relief Association for sponsorship of Music and Movies in the Park. She explained she received \$4,000 from the Lions.

Schulz indicated she could speak with representatives from the American Legion.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Bonn, to add session two back to the youth sports program schedule and direct staff to pay for the additional registrations, if necessary. The motion passed 5-0.

7. NEW BUSINESS – None
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None
9. STAFF & COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS – None
10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Penny, seconded by Mueller, to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Guenther
Minute Maker Secretarial