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MINUTES OF THE TABER RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON MARCH 5, 2015 AT 5:30 PM.

PRESENT: Luke Wijna, Chairperson
Councilor Andrew Prokop
Councilor Randy Sparks
Darcy Firth
Councilor Merrill Harris

ALSO PRESENT:
Aline Holmen, Recreation Manager
Trent Smith, Recreation Supervisor
Lori Farough, Recording Secretary
Greg Price, Taber Times

ABSENT: Danielle Hansen, Vice Chairperson

CALL TO ORDER

L. Wijna called the Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board to order at 5:28 PM.

A. Holmen introduced Trent Smith who was recently hired as the Recreation Supervisor. Mr. Smith provided a brief review of his career in recreation, indicating he brings a wealth of knowledge to the position.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES.16/2015 MOVED by Councillor Harris to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

A) Off Leash Dog Park

Angel Svennes representing the unofficial off-leash dog park users group spoke about the benefits of a dog park to the community and the health benefits of owning pets. She also brought forward safety hazards observed when using this facility and changes she would like to see implemented.

- Lighting required for evening use during shorter daylight hours in winter
- Gopher/badger holes create a trip hazard for the animals

DELEGATIONS CONTINUED

- Trees and access to water would be an aesthetically pleasing asset
- Additional space for parking and a double gate entry system would be preferred.

A. Svennes requested direction on what this user group can do next to get these items addressed. She provided concepts for fund raising to A. Holmen including grants, sponsorship and sweat equity.

RES. 17/2015 MOVED by Councillor Harris that the Recreation Board accepts the information provided by Angel Svennes regarding the Off Leash Dog Park for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Multi-Use Sports Complex

Dr. Graham Abela provided a presentation on the proposed Multi-Use Sports Recreation complex. A committee has been working on this field house project over several years. He described a field house that would possibly hold indoor soccer fields, a walking path, batting cages, squash court, racquetball court, combative space, rugby, indoor football, and a child play area as well as a large event facility. As a dry sports facility it would not have a swimming pool or ice arena. Their plans include a poured rubber floor with an 85'X200' indoor soccer field with turf on top.

The Dry Sports Facility group feels this would increase recreation commodities for the area and that there would be a social return on this investment to the business community and to our children.

The group is currently working together with an engineering firm from Saskatoon to develop a feasibility study and have conducted a survey with 600 respondents to date that show 90% support from the community.

Recreation Board members expressed financial concerns and spoke about the impact of taking participants away from existing sporting facilities/programs to fill registrations in this new facility.

RES. 18/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that the Recreation Board accepts the presentation from the Multi Use Sports Recreation Complex committee for information purposes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A) Regular meeting – February 5, 2015

RES. 19/2015 MOVED by Councillor R. Sparks that the Recreation Board adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Recreation Board held on February 5, 2015, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A) Sponsorship Update

Discussion occurred encouraging the Town of Taber to engage sponsorship from the Town of Taber and MD of Taber. The board expressed disappointment overall with the money gained in comparison to the money spent in this relationship with Sponsorship Connections.

RES. 20/2015 MOVED by Councillor M. Harris that the Recreation Board accepts the staff report regarding the Recreation Sponsorship Program and recommends Council authorize a contract amendment reflecting; term extended to June 30, 2016 and that Sponsorship Connections focuses its sales efforts on entities outside the Town and MD of Taber.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

A) Information for the Recreation Board

A. Holmen provided the minutes from the Southern Alberta Recreation Association (SARA).

February was Heart Month and the Aquafun Centre offered numerous different options for programming on a mini basis for patrons to try. There was an excellent response.

Arena staff are happy to be into the final month of arena operations and anxious to get to outdoor operations in the coming weeks. The small ice arena will be closed for the season on March 15, 2015 and the large ice arena will be closed on March 22, 2015.

The 4 on 4 tournament has been approved for this year which extended the large ice season. Processes from the 2014 tournament will be put in place for this year as well to ensure a successful and safe event.

ACTION ITEMS - CONTINUED

RES. 21/2015 MOVED by D. Firth that the Recreation Board accepts the Information Items for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Recreation Manager Report

A Holmen discussed the Managers report.

RES. 22/2015 MOVED by Councillor Prokop that the Recreation Board accepts the Recreation Manager Report for information

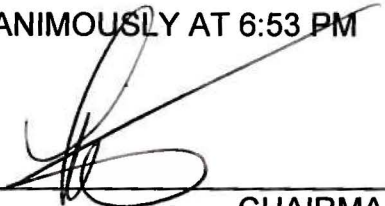
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEDIA INQUIRIES - None

CLOSE OF MEETING

RES. 23/2015 MOVED by Councillor Sparks that this Regular Meeting of the Taber Recreation Board is hereby closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:53 PM



CHAIRMAN