

RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF NORTH OLMPSTED
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MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 6, 2010
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Groden called the meeting to order at 7:00 at the Recreation Complex Administrative Offices and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Terry Groden, Norman Baxter, Chris Scarl, Kevin Kearney, Julie Nader
Marty Clancy

Absent: None

Staff: Betsy Drenski, Commissioner; Chris Wetmore, Assistant Commissioner.

Visitor: Lenore Medykowski, Cleveland Edges

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Nader moved, seconded by Mr. Scarl to approve the meeting minutes of November 1, 2010 as written, none opposed.

REPORTS

Ms. Drenski

- Revenue Report
- Expense Report

REVENUE REPORT:

Overall we are doing really well with revenue and are ahead of last years figures. Mr. Groden pointed out that the Pool revenue was down compared to 2009. Mr. Wetmore explained that the Neon swim team did not participate this summer where in years past they had. Mr. Groden asked if we might be able to replace that revenue in the future.

REVENUE REPORT CONT:

Mr. Wetmore replied that they are hoping to and that there are currently some strong possibilities from other teams that they have been talking to. Ms. Drenski stated that they are looking into bringing back a program from 2004 that had been omitted. Mr. Kearney asked if there was any chance of bringing the old team back. Ms. Drenski said they have been replaced with the Sea Turtles.

Ms. Nader asked if there were any problems booking the ice in the Rink. Ms. Drenski stated that she has not had any problems filling ice time.

EXPENSE REPORT:

Overall expenses are in good standing. We are currently utilizing any extra funds we do have for building improvements.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Drenski stated that there have been a lot of questions concerning advertising at the Recreation Center. She explained that the Mayor met with all the user groups throughout the summer and late fall and tried to get those groups on board with getting the advertising started. The Cleveland Edges and Jeff Marshall are involved with it and have drafted the contract that was presented at the last meeting. Kim Wenger has sent out e-mails to all the businesses in the City to let them know we are doing the dasher boards and the wall signs as stated in the contract. Some of the terms with the Ice Show and with the advertisers in regards to installing the signs themselves was not how it was to be set up. There are companies that do this all over the country and the one of the things the Mayor has stressed is that the signs will all look the same. The advertisement will be approved and there will be one company that will be creating and installing the signs to keep it uniform. The Mayor and the law department are working on making that clear in the contract.

Ms. Drenski gave an update on the Pool column work. They have met with the contractor, Building Commissioner and the City Engineer and the work was approved and is approximately 65 percent complete at this time. We have been able to do the work while the pool is open, with the patrons cooperation this has worked out well. Mr. Kearney asked if the expense has gone over the bid amount, Ms. Drenski stated that it had not.

Ms. Nader asked about the service contract for HVAC. Ms. Drenski stated that Relmec did come in as the lowest bidder however before the new contract is granted they are waiting on council approval to pay previous invoices with Relmec which were not handled appropriately.

OLD BUSINESS CONT.:

Mr. Baxter wanted to congratulate Ms. Drenski for being promoted to Recreation Commissioner. She has attended the Commission meetings for the last six years and is very dedicated and a positive addition to the Recreation Commission and the City.

Mr. Groden stated that he received a letter from a patron concerning the locker rooms and wanted to know if we are getting any additional complaints. Ms. Drenski said she understands that the patrons were not happy that the island with the lockers had been removed. She noted that there are just as many lockers now as we had before. An order has been placed for two benches, one for each locker room to be placed where the islands were located. Ms. Drenski is hoping the patrons will be happy once the benches are installed. There have been no new complaints from patrons.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wetmore discussed building improvements such as installing new plastic sheeting in the Ice Rink and painting various areas of the building. Cleveland Door Controls are scheduled to install new automatic entrance doors next week. The vestibule will be painted and the carpet squares and rubber matting will be replaced as well.

Ms. Drenski gave an update for programming involving the Cleveland Edges. They are going to have a New Years Eve event which will be open from 7:30 to 12:30 and is marketed towards families, if you are 14 and under you have to be accompanied by a parent. There will be a DJ along with swimming, skating and games on the Tennis courts. The admission price will include pizza and a beverage. The proceeds will be split between the Recreation Center and Cleveland Edges as a fundraiser for their club. Ms. Drenski would like to make this an annual event.

Ms. Drenski informed the Commission that she is in the process of creating a capital improvement list for 2011 and would like their input as well.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Drenski will forward to the Commission the New Years Eve event flyer as well as the advertising contract if it is available before the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


Terry Greden, Chair


Linda Andrews, Secretary

Approved: 3/7/11