

Columbia City Park Board Minutes March 3, 2014

The Columbia City Parks Board met in regular session with the following members present:

Park Board President Keith Nickolson

Park Board Vice President Larry Walter

Park Board Secretary Mauri Bordner

Park Board Member Terry Baker

Park Board Member Dan Curless

After reviewing the minutes of the January 3, 2013 meeting, Terry Baker made a motion, which is seconded by Mauri Bordner, to accept the minutes as submitted. On the call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent, presented the two quotes obtained for the July 3rd, 2014 fireworks from Camtor and Ace Pyro. Mark stated the estimated cost will be \$ 12,000.00 for this year. Terry from Ace Pyro presented his proposal and the reasons he quoted “shells” over “cakes” for the Park’s fireworks. Terry showed a simulation video of a possible show to the Park Board members. The Park Board made a unanimous decision to look over the quotes and make a final decision at the next meeting.

Park Superintendent, Mark Green, updated the Park Board on the baseball and softball programs. Mark stated that registration numbers were low at the start but recently bounced back. Green stated, baseball clinics and evaluations will be held in the High School Gym on March 9th and 16th followed by softball evaluations held on March 23rd.

Mark Green gave an update on the Father/Daughter Dance which sold out at 500 people. Mark stated that the Dance was a huge success this year.

Park Superintendent, Mark Green, introduced Aimee Shimosaki from Martin-Riley and Kevin Post from Councilman Hunsaker for an update on the Aquatics Study. Kevin presented the type of facility suited for Columbia City which included the location, operation cost, revenue, and future projections. Kevin stated the Design Project will be the next step towards the Aquatics Facility completion. After considerable discussion, the Board thanked Aimee and Kevin for their presentation.

Mark presented a report on the Boy Scouts Klondike Derby event held on February 7th when it was minus twenty degrees. The Boy Scouts had to stay in the Pavilion overnight due to the cold temperatures. Green stated, several problems occurred because the Pavilion is not set-up to handle heating issues and cooking preparation in those conditions. Discussion was presented on reminding Pavilion renters that cooking is to be brought in or done outside on a grill and overnight rentals will be charged a two-day rental fee.

The next meeting will be March 31, 2014.

All business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Andrea Pequignot, Administrative Assistant Parks Department.