

Regular Meeting

The Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Coolidge held its regular meeting on May 24, 2011. Chairwoman Vicki Williams, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. **Board members present were, Gabe Garcia, Johnny Federico, Anthony Moore and Vicki Williams. Board members absent were** Steve Brokeshoulder, Tony Garcia and Anthony Felix. Staff members present were Ricky LaPaglia, Parks and Recreation Director, and Mary Rascon, Secretary.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Gabe Garcia made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by Anthony Moore.

Parks & Recreation Director's

Ricky LaPaglia, Parks and Recreation Director reported on the following programs.

City of Coolidge is Tree City USA for the Nineth (9th) year. APS has donated \$500 to purchase trees for the City of Coolidge. The trees will be purchased at Distinctive Earthscapes Nursery.

Coolidge is also Playful City USA, for the fourth (4th) year. Ricky said that he is looking at doing a grant for \$15,000 for playground equipment.

Parks and Recreation office has moved to a new location. Will open the Youth Center during the summer from 11 am – 7 pm and 3-6 pm when school starts up.

The Community Center is up for lease. After going over the bids council decided to lease the center to Coolidge Dance and Gymnastics. Vicki Williams asked who would maintain the center,

DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONT.

Ricky said that whoever leases the building will maintain it. Parks and Recreation staff will be doing inspections on the building to make sure that it is being maintained.

Ricky gives weekly reports to council he will be sending them to boardmembers.

Parks are looking better with the watering, the grass is getting green. Parks staff is working hard to keep up with the parks.

BUSINESS

PROGRAM UPDATE

T-Ball/Coach Pitch went very well. We had many more children sign up for the league this year.

Little League has games going for, the Summer and Adult Softball League will start up in August.

Kids Kamp will start in June, and there are some changes, last year we had trips every other Friday and on the fourth session. Due to budget, we will have to cut trips. There will be a nutrition class added to the program. Next summer Coolidge Dance and Gymnastics will do a summer class for our summer program.

Swim Team is going well as of right now we have 60 participants. We have a new swim team coach.

Swim lessons will start on June 6th, registration will be busy.

The pool will open this weekend.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW

Ricky LaPaglia, introduced Johnny Federico who is a new member, Anthony Felix was not present.

SPECIAL MEETING IN JULY

Ricky LaPaglia would like to meet with board members in July. Backpacks were donated to the Recreation Department to use for school. Would like to have families write letters saying why they think their child or children need backpacks for school. Boardmembers will decide who will get backpacks for school.

Call to Board

Vicki Williams said that T-Ball/Coach Pitch went well. Had someone ask about the picture awards, would like all participants to receive the same awards. Parents are told that the awards will have the child's picture on it.

Vicki Williams also mentioned the parking, wanted to know if maybe they could use the lot across the road for parking. Ricky stated that there are two parking lots, but that they still park on the side of the road.

Anthony Moore asked about the renaming of the Youth Center. Ricky said that he is still working on it. Ricky said that it takes time and he hopes to have everything ready by August.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Items raised under this portion of the agenda cannot be responded to by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board until the provisions of the "Open Meeting Law" have been complied with.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date TBA

ADJOURNMENT:

Boardmember Anthony Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Board member Johnny Federico. passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.