

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Ravalli County Park District #2 is to construct and operate a year round aquatic facility with commitment to provide affordable and accessible recreation, fitness, competition, water safety, and educational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

Monday, August 14, 2017

Board Meeting of Ravalli County Park District #2
Coffee Cup Cafe

Call to order 6:35 PM

Roll Call: Loretta Bundy, Paul Belanger, Deidra Markette, Carla Albert, Fern Screckengudst,
Not in attendance: Tiffany Jette, Rod Pogachar

Meeting Minutes:

June Meeting Minutes approved - non-opposed

Open seat for board member

Application of Vicki Mahon discussed. She has time, well connected in the community, patron (mostly aerobics and fitness classes), very interested in seeing the BAC succeed, active with the recently passed school bond, overall great candidate. Questions raised on how this potential board member brings something that we do not already have such as an accountant, banker, business person, lawyer etc... - those talents and skills we have identified we need. All agree we need those skills on the board but there is no limit to how many board members we can have therefor, if we find a candidate that fits those needs, we can bring them on. Additionally, we will be needing more community help with our strategic plan and moving into the next phase of development at the BAC.

Motion made to elect Vicki Mahon on to the BAC Board. Seconded by Deidra. Vote: 3 approved - 1 no. Motion passed.

Open Comments

Paul brought information from the Lewistown, MT pool. They recently had a very successful campaign to build a new pool, office and locker rooms. At the state swim meet held at Lewistown, the principal leaders of that effort shared with a group of people their experience and how others can do this in their communities. It was very informative. Main point is that a business plan is needed, does not need to be done by a third party but needs to express what we have accomplished to date, our audience, current and potential programs, current and potential numbers of community members served - amongst other information. Also, a special committee of community leaders (not necessarily board members) was instrumental in moving this forward. They hired a grant writer who also helped lead the committee and keep them on task. Paul brought several documents from the meeting that he will scan and share with the rest of the board.

Brief discussion about fees and why Hamilton and Corvallis residents are not given a discount. Fern expressed her frustration with people not being honest about their residency.

Financial report provided by the treasurer and Fern. Swim lessons are down - possibly related to not letting BST swimmers take private or group lessons. Other reasons discussed. Carla motions to accept financials as presented this evening. Seconded by Deidra. All in favor. Motion passed.

Strategic Plan/Goals Progress Report

Calendar created with the intention that it be used for internal Board communications as well as informing the community about programs, events, open and close dates, etc...

Fern (???) said she would go ahead and utilize the calendar and put in the programs and key dates and see about posting it on the BAC website.

Carla and Paul met about developing a format for questions to give to constituency and key user groups in order to get feedback. Paul will put notes into a document and share with the board. The goal is to have this ready to try out with the Masters Swim group by the beginning of September.

Has Regina reported, our deadline for getting a new bond before the votes is August 2018. Fern helped us grapple with what are the next steps to meet this goal.

- 1) Fern is going to meet with CTA architects and give them direction to develop two plans: one with covering the existing pool and the other to add a separate indoor pool. With either option, Board has given Fern the liberty to put into the plan what she sees is needed with either option, such as: larger locker rooms, larger office space, family bathroom etc...
- 2) Fern is going to find the original presentation that was given to the community when the first bond was approved. This is important because so much changed from what was originally presented to what was finally passed.
- 3) Deidra is going to help with this history and put together something. Try to bring in Alice Christensen. Carla and Fern will help.
- 4) Paul will summarize types of use with an expanded facility and indoor competition pool.
- 5) Fern will put together the facility use numbers for this year (month to month preferred).

Update Board member communications

Carla brought to our attention that it is important that we respect open meeting laws with our email communications.

Discussion on the challenges of dealing with difficult clients. Board and staff must document everything.

Managers Report

- Splash pool was a huge hit this summer. Fern and Brian had to replace some electrical wiring.
- Brian had to do some work on the equipment that regulates and controls water ph.
- Fall schedule is out
- It was a good year with BST - no issues
- Shade attention very well received by the public
- There was a complaint about kids using cell phones in the locker room. Fern is proposing we put up signs saying no cell phones in the bathrooms.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

NEXT MEETING: Monday September 11, 2017 at 6:30 at Coffee Cup Cafe