

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, November 14, 2016 Board Meeting of Ravalli County Park District #2
Bitterroot Aquatic Center

Call to order 6:35pm

Roll Call: Loretta Bundy, Deidra Markette, Carla Albert, Rod Pogachar, Paul Belanger, Fern Shreckendgust

Not in attendance: Paul Wilson (sick)

Public Comment:

Paul asked about the procedure for sharing public comments. Board has historically requested that no public comment is heard unless the comment is in writing from the person making the comment or is in attendance at the meeting to make the comment. Discussion followed about whether or not it is appropriate for comments brought to the attention of a board member to be presented at this time even if it is not in writing or the person is not in attendance. Paul encouraged the board to consider hearing these comments and it is our discretion as a board to determine whether or not is something to discuss at this time.

Paul B shared with the board that he had heard from several members of the public concerns about the fees the BAC charges.

Board discussion: confident that our fees are fair and asked for a comparison. Paul brought forward examples of Splash Montana fees in Missoula and Columbia Falls. Recognize that every aquatic center has a different circumstance and that not possibly an equal comparison.

Carla mentioned that we are the only facility in the state with the type of warm water indoor pool.

Meeting Minutes:

Paul asked whether or not his suggestions in an email sent to the board earlier in October regarding a board interview process were discussed by the board. This was not discussed and in the context of the new board member, it was not deemed necessary.

The board selection and approval process is that new potential board members:

- 1) submit a letter of interest to the BAC (through Fern)
- 2) new candidate is asked to attend a board meeting
- 3) At the meeting is the time for board members to ask questions
- 4) next board meeting is the voting

Fern and the rest of the board will do what they can to inform the rest of the board when a new candidate will attend a board meeting so board members can be prepared with questions.

Several board members expressed frustration with Paul's email suggesting his comments were negative and not welcomed. Paul responded that his intent is not to bring negativity to the board.

Carla moves to approve October minutes, Rod seconds, motion passes

Managers Report

- Paul W and Brian will paint the commons area - likely on New Years Eve
- New motor impeller for indoor pool ordered. Usually needs to be replaced once each year.
- ordering Shade Unit thanks to grant provided by the Doyle Foundation

- Fern asked that the board consider adding a business office for her office, for use in CPR training, board meetings and other uses, above the guard room/office. All agree this is a good idea and ask that Fern get at least 3 bids on the job for future consideration.
- Paul B will work on the thank you letter to the Doyle foundation

Committee Reports - Quarterly Financial report from Fern

- Commented on the Boiler loan and remaining amount to be paid
- Earnings are up - mostly from increase in tax for bond
- School lessons down - new law prevents schools from transporting kids to pool
- Sales down - not a great year for lap swim - weather was cold this summer
- Child swim and group lessons and adult swim up
- Salaries and wages up about 20% - mostly do to more long term/mature staff with experience

Committee Reports - BST contract

- signed contract sent to Anna at BST

New Business - communications

- If regularly scheduled board meeting is canceled, then work to be accomplished is postponed to next month's meeting.
- Exceptions are if business requiring board approval needs action then special session arranged. Other exceptions may make it necessary to set up a special meeting
- New potential board members - Bob Monahan, John Cheetham, Chris Burt, Ann or Corky Pigman
- Paul motions to submit the meeting agenda to the County Commissioners office and send to the BST Board President. Rod seconds. Motion passes.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 12, 6:30 PM at BAC