

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting March 16, 2016

Members Present: Jack Harkness, Jeffrey Sogge, Matt Tullis

Guests Present: Shelley Lechnir, Kelli Massengale from the Community Y

Staff Present: Randy Wetmore, City Administrator; Jenni Hart, Recreation Supervisor

Director's Report: Randy Wetmore, City Administrator. Randy explained that the search for a new Director is still in process and hopes to have it filled in the near future. We will try and have regular meetings each month to be able to keep the Committee up to date on programs and issues.

Aquatic Center Status: Shelley Lechnir, Kelli Massengale from the Marshalltown YMCA/YWCA explained that they have been trying to get new lifeguards for the coming year since early winter. Right now they have 4 of their core guards committed for the season. They have offered free lifeguard lessons to incent people to become a lifeguard. They encourage adults to also be lifeguards should they want some summer employment. They have contacted the school district to get the word out too.

Summer Programs: Jenny explained the many programs that are ready to go for the coming summer. No new programs are being offered due to reduced staff this year. The summer brochure is nearing completion and ready for printing. She also explained the difficulty she sometimes has in getting instructors for the programs each summer. There is a lot of turnover with instructors as many are college aged individuals.

Marshalltown Softball Association: Jenny explained that the Association is beginning to take over some of the duties and responsibilities this year such as scheduling games, getting packets out, etc. It is expected that this year, the first year of this new arrangement that there may be some bumps along the way. But the transition to the Association of the program is a two to three year process.

Comments: Randy mentioned that Jenny and Becky are doing a very good job considering the reduced staff to two in the office and still keeping programs moving along with few problems. He mentioned there may be times, due to only two in the office, that it may be necessary that the office be closed for periods of time during the day as both may be out of the office at the same time.