

JULY 9, 2018, YOUTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Following All Committees meeting-approximately 6:45 p.m. Members present: J. Fields, J. Pearson. Member absent: M. Platteter. Others present: A. Christianson 1 and 2, A. Kenyon, D. Parker.

Call to Order:

Chair Pearson called the meeting to order and presided.

Parks and Rec Director:

Adm. Christianson distributed copies of a revised list of functions a parks and director might be tasked with and asked those present to review it prior to a future meeting so it can be discussed further. [LCIDC reps would be invited to such meeting.] He also noted the City could possibly plan to pay for such position for 3 years from The Mining Fund, but cautioned there are likely to be other demands on that source. He also reminded those present that the LCIDC, which expressed willingness to support such position for a time (the same 3 years?) is seeking what might be better termed a community activities director. In that LCIDC's funds are likely to be essential, that role should probably be given precedence at the outset. A key question is whether this could be a stand-alone and full-time position, or whether it makes more sense just to give more hours to a current employee at the visitor center.

Community Center:

Adm. Christianson reviewed a plan whereby The Mining Fund might be used for one half of required local match funding for the bricks and mortar portion of a community center project. Although he hasn't discussed this with the School District he also mentioned a concept the District might be able to use to supply the other half of local match.

He went on to say, however, that getting monies to convert the former elementary school or the former armory for this purpose will probably be the easy part. He added that how to pay to staff such position on a continuing basis is the more difficult question, adding that he doesn't have a plan in mind for that. He did note that the above referenced parks and rec director could, perhaps, also staff a community center if long term support for that position can be devised and if it can be stationed at the former school or former armory rather than at the current visitor center where some believe it belongs.

He also noted one advantage reuse of the elementary school seems to have over the armory is the potential for cost sharing with the School District. Going with the armory would leave the alone to finance a costly project. He went on to that if a project could be put together that cost no more than \$1,000,000 that would be best as the maximum possible grant is one half that; \$500,000. By comparison if a project were devised that cost \$1,500,000 subtracting the \$500,000 grant would leave the City and School District or City alone to cover the remaining \$1,000,000.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at about 7:10 p.m.