

City of Hastings
Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes
City Hall Council Chambers
February 14, 2012 – 6:00 PM

- 1) **Roll Call at 6 pm:** Commissioners Hawkins, Hedin, Polehna, Smith, Juntunen, Miller, Kimmen & Schossow, Parks & Recreation Director Bernstein
- Welcome to new youth commissioner Haley Kimmen. Haley will be serving as a fully active but non-voting member of the PRC.
- 2) **January Minutes:** Motion to approve January minutes as presented by Miller. Seconded by Hawkins. Passed unanimously.
- 3) **Setting Agenda:** No changes to the agenda.
- 4) **Departmental Updates:** Department updates were reviewed with the commissioners. Miller asked if the repairs to the HFAC would be done by staff. Since this is an insurance claim and staff is very busy in the spring with other duties, the department is planning to contract the repairs out.
- 5) **Parks & Recreation Survey Presentation:** The PRC sub-committee of Juntunen, Schossow, and Smith met twice with Director Bernstein to review the Parks & Recreation survey results and to try to identify opportunities for improvement. While there were no “aha” moments, the sub-committee did find a lot of general topics that could be focused on. A PowerPoint presentation was shown highlighting the various opportunities for growth that the department could focus on. A common theme was to seek ways to increase amenity usage through programming. Polehna asked if some sort of welcome packet could be put together when teams come into town for tournaments. Staff has already done some of that, providing coupons and things, but is also working with the Chamber to improve the process and put together something more official. At the HFAC, people expressed that they would like healthier options at concessions. Staff has tried providing healthier options in the recent past, but unfortunately they don’t sell well. And healthy options like fruits, veggies, etc. are perishable so there is a lot of waste if patrons don’t purchase them. Commissioners recommended promoting options available for purchasing HFAC punch cards and season passes besides waiting in line at the pool on opening day. They also asked if there would be any way to have a separate line for people who already had their passes so that they wouldn’t have to wait in long lines with people making new purchases. Staff will work on both of these suggestions. Bernstein emphasized the need to reinvest in our infrastructure and maintenance in order to sustain the high level of satisfaction the survey showed. Miller thanked staff and the sub-committee for the excellent review of the survey results.
- 6) **New Business:** None
- 7) **Old Business:** None

MOTION to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2012; 6:00 PM; City Hall Council Chambers

Adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kristin Behrens