

Minutes of a Meeting
Of the
BROOKLYN RECREATION BOARD
May 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Called:

Alison Rafter	-	Present
Rebecca Byndas	-	Present
Ryan Kelber	-	Present
Robert Hennings	-	Present
Mary Balbier	-	Present

Motion by Byndas, second by Rafter to approve April 19, 2017 minutes.

Vote resulted:

Yes-Rafter, Byndas, Kelber

No-None

(Balbier and Hennings were absent in April.)

Manager Mrs. Maria McGinty gave the following report:

Splash Summer Flier

The flier has all the summer programs. The Volleyball program was on the flier and went to the schools. There was only 1 sign-up. We are sending out more fliers and on Facebook. There is Learn to Swim and Learn to Skate registration. Day Camp registration. Soza information. Jazzercise and water aerobics.

Memorial Day Parade

Starts 11:00 a.m. at the Brooklyn High School parking lot. Anyone who wants to participate, please call or email Tina. STM called and also Cleveland Baptist Church. Day Camp with volunteers are going to participate. Brooklyn Youth Hockey Association is going to participate. A lot of groups think it's a good way to hand out their brochures.

2018 Budget

Big thing 2018 budget. Finance Director and Mayor do not want to do a Temporary budget. Meet June 9th with Council for budget session. Will the City work in a deficit? Directors work on 2018 budget when American Greetings will be gone a full year. We are hiring a program director after June 12th. We are going to train this person for more programs and more revenue coming in. Council does not want to cut but it is hard because the Ice is using a lot of energy and actually the whole building uses a lot of energy.

Summer Recess

The Board decided not to have meetings in June and July. We will have the next meeting the 3rd Monday in August. The Board can call a special meeting if need be.

Open Forum

Alison asked about the different areas giving up things and not just the Recreation Department doing cuts here and how much other areas have given up. Mary said the Recreation Center is always the target. The other services like garbage collection and snow removal is needed but not everybody needs a recreation center. Maria brought up how the Senior Center is never discussed and we could house the Senior Center. Bob said because the seniors can't climb the stairs here. Maria said 11 people take class downstairs who can't climb the stairs. The newer centers are all combined. Now the Senior Center is the Community Center and has room rentals. Maria said at Council the Recreation Center is brought up a lot so we are in the hot seat. The Recreation Board needs to discuss and have ideas to save money. The Pool has seen cuts so where should we cut now? We need the hockey revenue. It is \$95,000.00 for the summer ice costs. Should we close the Ice in June, July, and August? Mary said if you lose the Recreation Center the City does lose something and it's not right. Mary brought up the big front lawn not being used. Everyone thought it would be great for parking and it would be closer. Any ideas before June 9th for Maria to take to Council Meeting. Alison said our Ice is top notch. The filtration system is 20 years old. Mary asked about the Farmer's Market and we only got 3 vendors interested in it. Movie Nights was discussed but you have to buy the Rites to the movie such as a Disney Movie. The Board talked about cardboard cars like it was a drive-in movie show. The Fall Festival will be Saturday September 30th but will be shorter and scaled down.

MOTION by Kelber, seconded by Rafter to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

Vote resulted:

Yes-Rafter, Byndas, Kelber, Balbier, Hennings

No-None



Tina J. Westfall

Secretary