

City of West Branch Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
6:30p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2022

Director Russell opened the meeting at 6:40pm. Roll as called with Commission Members Angie Miller, Kristin Rood, Kim Pallischeck-Hanna, and Shane Staker were present. Commissioners Tom Burger, Brian Pierce, and James Ellyson were absent. Parks & Recreation Director Melissa Russell was present.

Approve agenda/consent agenda/Move to action.

Approve agenda for the March 10, 2022, 2022, Park and Recreation Commission Meeting. Motion Staker, second by Hannah to approve March 10, 2022, agenda. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approve minutes from the February 10, 2022, Park, and Recreation Commission Meeting.

Motion by Miller and second by Hanna to approve minutes from February 10, 2022, Commission meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

Communication/Open Forum.

None

Staff Updates

Old Business

Russell reported Preschool soccer numbers were low, but that was expected. Easter Egg Hunt has opened up registrations. We still need volunteers if any commission members are available. Russell asked for assistance from HS students. Russell has advertised an Amazon list for donations for the Easter Egg Hunt. Currently there are 68 families registered. YSF track will start soon. West Branch is hosting the first meet on April 24th. Girls on the Run will start the end of March as well as the Hoover's Movers.

New Business

Spring/summer programs

Summer ball registrations will conclude on Friday. The participation numbers are consistent with 2021 numbers. There will be 1 3rd/4 grade girls' team, 2 3rd/4th grade boys' team. Currently there are not enough 5th/6th grade players, but Russell will keep registration open and ask WL players. 6 teams of 1st/2nd grade and 4-5 teams of kindergarten players.

Considering 5 weeks of camp, but June may be eliminated due to staffing and budgetary reasons. Camp fee has increased to \$180 per person with field trips or \$125 with reduced hours and no field trips.

Swim bus registration is open. Rec on the go will continue throughout the summer.

HS volunteers will be working on flower beds at Cubby park and tree planting. We have opened up applications for summer temporary hires. No applications for umpires. Lack of umpires is concerning to Russell. Russell is evaluating adult programs for the summer.

Upcoming Commission Meetings

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be Thursday April 14, 2022.

Adjourn

Motion by Rood and second by Miller to adjourn the meeting. All approved with voice vote.