

**CITY OF SCANDIA  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
Minutes of March 1, 2010**

Members Present: Sally Swanson, Vice-Chair, Mike Goeken, Matt Rasmussen, Joan Benner, Edward Ruf

Absent: Alex Bildeaux, Chair, Tom Vogen, Anne Hurlburt, City Administrator, Pete Crum, City Council representative

Guests: Laurie Monson, new city employee for Parks and Recreation

Call to Order.

**DISCUSSION:**

Introduction of new employee Laurie Monson. Discussion followed regarding regular duties of the job position and new ideas presented by Laurie, for the upcoming Summer Park and Rec programs. Ideas regarding more advertising, potential additional joint ventures with Camp Lakamaga, etc. Laurie intends to attend all Park Board meetings. We asked that she conduct further research on marketing costs and additional advertising in Forest Lake area. There was a great deal of time spent on the programs to be offered for the 2010 Summer.

**Report Updates:**

1. **Winterfest Summary:** It was felt that there was good and bad. Attendance was just not what we would like to see, but there were 13 teams in the ice sculpture contest. It was determined that we would try again to get the word out and make this more of an annual community event that people look forward to. Some ideas for next year include possibly Bingo in the Community Center, chili cook-off, etc. We need to have more joint efforts with local businesses. Hats off to Matt Rasmussen for gathering many nice donations to be given as prizes.
2. **Open Gym Summary:** Mike Goeken gave a final update regarding the 2010 Open Gym attendance, which again appears to be a success. There was some discussion regarding the new longer 6-week program, and that we should keep it that way, and possibly starting a bit earlier.
3. **Summer Programs:** The entire 2010 line-up was gone over with Laurie Monson, and thoughts and comments were given.
4. **Wind in the Pines Park:** Survey matters tabled.
5. **Gateway Trail Resolution (Friends of Park):** This matter was tabled since most committee members were absent.
6. **Miscellaneous:** Committee members were asked to think of potential ideas for Hay Lake Park, Spring Cleaning matters (May 1), and potential work at the lighted ball field since local ball teams have expressed interest in conducting more tournaments, etc. at the field this summer.

Meeting adjourned.