

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – January 27, 2016 (approved 4/27/16)

ATTENDING: Darren Cook, Sheldon Dyer, Don Field, Michael Gerald, Howard Raphaelson,
STAFF: Jay O’Keefe, Curt Vincente
GUESTS: MPRD Intern Christian Petersen

- A. Call to Order –Chairman S. Dyer called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.
- B. Approval of Minutes –M. Gerald moved and D. Cook seconded that the minutes from the October 29, 2015 meeting be approved and the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Co-Sponsorship Update – J. O’Keefe reported that Mansfield Little League and WAM United Soccer typically present their application for Co-Sponsorship renewal in the fall. Also noted was the new Lacrosse group which is currently operating as a program of the department, but in the future will likely emerge as a Co-Sponsored organization.
- D. Old Business – C. Vincente gave a brief update on membership, facility usage and discussed current marketing campaigns, noting that the membership continues to sustain slight growth, currently just under 2,200. H. Raphaelson initiated a discussion on a draft communication to the Town Council regarding the Fee Waiver program and sustainability of the Parks and Recreation Fund. After a lengthy discussion, M. Gerald moved and D. Cook seconded that the attached communication be sent to the Town Council. The motion passed unanimously. C. Vincente provided brief updates on current park projects, specifically the opening of the new playground that was just completed behind the Community Center. A brief status report was also provided on the CSA program. Regarding RAC membership, it was recommended that James Raynor be appointed to replace Frank Musiek.
- E. Correspondence – None.
- F. New Business – The summer quarterly report was reviewed. J. O’Keefe provided an overview of fall programs and noted ongoing winter programs.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm.