



PARKS, REC & NCC MEETING

Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 6:45 PM

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Members of Parks, Rec & NCC

Pat Huntermark, Chair
Michael Melnyk
Jim Barton
Pat McGaharan
Kevin Laughlin, City Administrator

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- November 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

TOPICS/ISSUES:

1) RULE CHANGE - ALLOWING STROLLERS ON THE WALKING TRACK WITH GUIDELINES

- All stroller wheels checked to make sure they are in good condition.
- Child(ren) must remain in the stroller at all times while using the track
- No strollers allowed during the following hours; Mon & Wend 6:15 pm – 7:45 pm Sat 8:45am – 10:15am

2) HOURS OF OPERATION DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING OPEN FOR 5 HOURS ON SUNDAY

- Requested by several members.
- NCC survey that 128 people have responded to so far, quite a few requests for being open on Sundays as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

November 7, 2024

City of Northwood Parks, Rec & NCC Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Northwood Parks, Rec & NCC was called to order by Pat Huntermark at 05:45 PM on November 7, 2024 in the Council Chambers and via Live Stream.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and those in attendance were as follows: Pat Huntermark, Pat McGaharan, Jim Barton, Kevin Laughlin and Emily Popovitch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Councilor Barton made a motion to **Approve**; seconded by Councilor Huntermark. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Councilor Huntermark, Recreation Director McGaharan, Councilor Barton; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed

TOPICS/ISSUES

Proposed Changes to Facility Hours of Operation

Proposed Changes starting January 1, 2025
5:30 am – 8:30 pm Monday – Thursday
5:30 am – 6:00 pm Friday
8:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday
No additional hours added

Changes were suggested due to attendance and requests by members.

MOTION: Councilor Barton made a motion to **approve the new hours facility hours starting January 1, 2025**; seconded by Councilor Huntermark. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Councilor Huntermark, Recreation Director McGaharan, Councilor Barton; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed

Membership Rates

Discussed offering resident rates to anyone working in Northwood. Councilor Huntermark recommended keeping the rates as is for now and see what the winter brings us.

Proposed offering a 25% discount on memberships to veterans who show proper proof.

MOTION: Councilor Huntermark made a motion to **approve the 25% discount on memberships for veterans with proper proof**; seconded by Councilor Barton. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Councilor Huntermark, Recreation Director McGaharan, Councilor Barton; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed

Multipurpose Room Rentals at NCC

Recreation Director McGaharan brought attention to the NCC room rental policy. He stated that there are instances when a Northwood resident rents the room for someone other than themselves. He asked the committee if we should allow this or not allow the rental if it is caught. There was discussion regarding the issue and the committee was reminded that the rules state the person renting the room must be onsite for the duration of the rental. The committee came to the conclusion that rentals should operate as is for now.

Facility Age Restrictions

Recreation Director McGaharan stated family memberships are the least amount sold and those are the memberships that we would profit from the most. He stated that changing the age restrictions may help increase sales of family memberships because it will give kids the opportunity to use the facility. Rec Director McGaharan stated he spoke with the City Administrator, City Attorney, the insurance underwriter, and the fitness equipment sales representative and they all agreed and approved lowering the age restrictions.

New age restrictions would be

Ages 10-12 allowed to use the gymnasium and walk on the track by themselves while an adult is present in building.

Ages 13+ allowed to workout in the facility without adult supervision after the orientation is completed.

MOTION: Councilor Barton made a motion to **approve new age facility restrictions**; seconded by Councilor Huntermark. **ROLL CALL:** **Yes:** Councilor Huntermark, Recreation Director McGaharan, Councilor Barton; **No:** None; **Abstain:** None
Result: Passed

November 7, 2024

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Huntermark asked if Lathrop has looked at the concrete and drainage near the Splash Pad? Administrator Laughlin stated he received a quote and there is discussion regarding looping it in with phase two parking improvements. More information will be presented during the Council meeting regarding the topic.

ATTEST:

Council Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor