



Sporties for Shorties went very well and next year we are looking at adding another session, expanding from two sessions to three sessions.

Adult flag football rosters are due on Friday, July 26th with games starting on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Fall soccer registration has started and games will begin the week of September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Movies in the park are going very well. The next movie is Captain America on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30pm.

British Soccer will start on July 29<sup>th</sup> and run through August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We have intermediate tennis going on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup> and Shotokan Karate which is an ongoing class.

Dennis reported that the Parks Department has been working on tree spraying, grading and other preliminary work which has begun on Baxter's Dog Park. A new full time employee has been hired, mowing of various city properties, ROW's and roadside has begun and a small landscaping project is underway at the Fire Station next to City Hall.

**Item #3      Update on Dog Park fundraising and Construction**

Dennis reviewed the staff report in regards to the fundraising and construction efforts. Approximately another \$2000 was raised for the park which has brought the total raised to over \$65,000. City crews have started to grade/level the site for Baxter's Park. Installation of the irrigation system, tree removal along Blake St. N. will take place and we will be working with Leon Mills and volunteers to get the fence installed, and then the park will be seeded. Budgeted tentatively for next year is a uni-sex restroom, getting utilities to the site, material for a parking lot, and walking paths with edging along the fence lines.

**Item #4      Skateboard Park New Rule Request – 12:00 noon**

Dennis went over the initial rules set forth for the skate park and pointed out the damage bicycles can do to the surface and they were banned from the park. At the time the skate park was built scooters were not popular and were not an issue. Now scooters are popular and are becoming a safety issue at the skate park.

Shawn Black addressed the Commission in regards to the adverse effects of scooter use at the skateboard park. He compared the skate board park to a tennis court where you could also play basketball. As you cannot play tennis and basketball simultaneously you also cannot have skate boarders and scooters using the park at the same time. The dynamics of use and riding is different. Scooters can turn on a dime however a skateboard does not. Shawn has suffered a broken

arm dodging a scooter. Plus the scooter riders are younger kids. Basically the scooters are taking over a park that was designed and developed for skateboarders. The Skateboarders Association worked hard in getting this park for the skateboarders. Shawn is asking that the signage be changed to reflect that this park is only for skateboarders. There is a safety issue here as well. Discussion with questions followed. Ketchum and Hailey have put up signage on their skate parks indicating that the parks are strictly for skateboarders. The Commission is recommending that Dennis do more research to seek out what other communities are doing and perhaps put a survey on the website. He should also get some input from both sides. Shawn can get some more video on the use while both activities are taking place. Research will be done and something put together for next month's meeting.

**Item # 5      Update on Budget**

Dennis reviewed the projects that are scheduled to be completed this budget year as indicated on the staff report. The Commission received an email from staff listing the proposed budget capital improvement projects for next year as listed on the staff report. Dennis reported that there is a master plan for Parks and Recreation. Liyah asked about the Recreation Center. Dennis indicated that there was a meeting last month, we are still working with the Boys and Girls Club. We are looking at a fitness center and are meeting with Gold's Gym to manage that.

**Item #6      Other Items from the Commission**

No other items to discuss

Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm. Next meeting to be held at the City Council Chamber on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 11:30am.