Roll Call  The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. and the roll was called. Present were Commissioners Trent Cornell (Chair), Max Retsky (President), and Andre Lerman. Staff present included Interim Executive Director Steve Nagle and Director of Recreation Cheryl DeClerck.

Also present was Irv Leavitt, Pioneer Press reporter.

Matters from the Public  There was no one present wishing to address the Committee.

Update on Summer Camps  Director of Recreation DeClerck stated the District has had a very successful 8-week summer camp program. Commissioner Cornell commented about the positive remarks he has heard from participants and parents. Ms. DeClerck stated staff created a participant-only survey for the first session of Action Camp and made changes for the second four week session based on the survey results. For example, some participants did not like a water park field trip, some children wanted a revised food menu. She stated friendships requests were honored, when possible. She continued by stating that last year campers completed a survey and these results were incorporated into this summer’s program.

Commissioner Retsky extended kudos to staff for their quick response to parents regarding a bus accident.

To a question from Commissioner Cornell, Ms. DeClerck stated, if possible, she would like to have participants put down a deposit for next summer. She continued by stating there will be summer camp special events planned for the campers during the school year. Discussion ensued regarding campers returning next summer; as children age out of programs, it is difficult to track the return rate for participants, however, there will be children aging up to other camps. One consideration from the survey is additional food options that might be of interest to Action Camp children and new field trip destinations.

Ms. DeClerck stated there was flexibility for participants who joined a camp mid-season so the new registrant was able to pay a prorated fee.

Commissioner Lerman stated that participation for the sailing program was good this year and maybe the addition of the Hobie Cats contributed to this. Ms. DeClerck stated last year the sailing program was impacted by weather and no wind.
Discussion of Private Lessons  Ms. DeClerck stated the District will be announcing private lesson information in time to be included in the fall brochure. She stated there can be additional discussion with recommendations in the next couple of months. It was the consensus of the Committee to discuss private lessons in October.

Ms. DeClerck stated the District is partnering with Family Service of Glencoe a senior fitness class at the Takiff Center. She stated a focus group will be established to learn what residents would like.

Discussion of Park District Exercise Classes  Ms. DeClerck reviewed the fall fitness strategy beginning the end of August. She stated the majority of fitness teachers currently in the building will continue teaching as independent contractors through the District. Ms. Retsky stated it is important to consider the time programs are offered to try to accommodate parents whose children are enrolled in programs in the District or attend Glencoe schools.

Other Business  Commissioner Cornell moved to approve the Recreation Committee meeting minutes of May 3, 2012. Commissioner Lerman seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn  With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. on a motion from President Retsky and a second from Commissioner Lerman.

Secretary

Steven T. Nagle
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