

## **Recreation Committee**

5:30 p.m., Monday, August 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 5:30 p.m., Monday, August 10, 2009 in the Recreation Center located at 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Committee members Buckhannon and Duffy, Chairwoman Rice, Recreation Director Page, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland.

1. Chairwoman Rice called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public had been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

**MOTION: Councilman Buckhannon moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2009 as submitted; Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **Citizens' Comments - None**

4. **Department Report – Director Page**

Director Page explained that the report covers the months of May through July so there is a lot of information included. The regular classes offered by the Department continued through the summer months; the Keenagers had their Out-to-Lunch group and went to a different restaurant each month. The new line dancing class has been met with enthusiasm by its thirty plus (30+) participants. The first middle school dance will be Friday, September 18 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; the theme is "Back to School Luau" and there will be a new DJ this year. The Activity Guide for the fall has taken on a new look and gone to an 8½ X 11 format; the staff is very proud of it. The Director reported that sixty-three (63) teams had participated in the Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Contest; Piccolo Spoleto's "Wizard of Oz" was a huge success – every performance was sold out before opening night. Director Page was very pleased with Camp Summershine; the staff was excellent and the participation was outstanding. Theatre Camp is in its second week; on Friday, the young people will be performing for their family and classmates.

In the area of Athletics, the Half Rubber Tournament is scheduled for August 19; baseball and softball have ended and softball is starting again. Soccer registration was open for residents last week and is open for non-residents this week; there were people eager to register at 7 am today. Attendance for Friday night hoops has gone down over the summer, which was expected. The first City Employee Volleyball Tournament was held June 11, and another is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12 to be followed the next Wednesday by Team Mayor versus the winner of August 12. The Beach Run was a huge success with two hundred eighty-five (285) participants for the four (4) mile run and thirty-five (35) youths for the fun runs; chips were used this year so the runners got accurate times. Although there were a small number of participants, the lacrosse camp was very organized. Director Page was full of praise for the clerical and interior and exterior maintenance personnel and the excellent jobs they do. When City Hall was struck by lightning, there were also strikes at the Recreation Center; the electrical

components on the flagpole, the timing delay for the tennis court lights and the soccer scoreboard were all damaged. The sprinkler control was also damaged, and lightening is suspected. Over the summer, the Recreation Department personnel took responsibility for maintaining the 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue beach access, and, before the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, they cleaned all beach accesses from 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

The Wellness Fair has been scheduled for Thursday, September 17; this year the Fair has been opened up to all IOP residents and called the Isle of Palms Community Wellness Fair. In addition to the blood work, blood pressure checks and cholesterol screenings, employees who are required to have annual physicals will be able to get them at the Wellness Fair. Blood work for residents will cost them twenty-five dollars (\$25.00); as last year, flu shots will be given to employees and residents who want it. In general, the Wellness Fair will have a much broader scope than it had originally. In order to inform residents of the event, there will be a notice in the water billings, on the website of course, and an e-newsletter will go out shortly.

Maintenance issues that have come up over the summer include damage to the light guards in the gym as attempts at impossible 3-point shots were made; by raising the light in the center of the gym, the problem was solved. There was a leak in the roof in the Tadpole and High Tide rooms, which was repaired by CDC in a timely manner.

The Recreation Department has applied again for the "Agency of the Year Award."

The Isle of Palms Connector Run will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2009.

**5. Old Business - None**

**6. New Business**

**A. Update on 2010 PARD Grant**

Director Page explained that the City has been notified that there may not be funds available for distribution for 2010. In recent years, the City has received approximately two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,200); the Director reported that the Recreation Department has approximately four thousand dollars in PARD funds yet to spend. Typically the funds are spent on playground equipment or outside furnishings; presently the seesaw needs to be replaced, as well as some chains.

**B. Report on Event Discussed at August ATAX Meeting**

Director Page related that Mayor Cronin had pitched organizing an event on the island in January 2010 to generate activity for island businesses in the off-season. If the event happens, there are logistics to be worked out at the Recreation Center because the Mayor has suggested that children could be entertained there while parents are enjoying the island's amenities. It is seen as an opportunity to get the community together and, at the same time, help the island's merchants during their down time. Director Page voiced some caution because there are a lot of activities already planned for the Recreation Department in January.

**C. Consideration of Palm Tree Removal and Replanting**

The Director reported that an oak had to be removed over the summer because it had been seriously damaged by termites; there is also a dead palm tree in front the Magnolia/Palmetto Room. She has gotten quotes on the removal of the palm tree and replacing both trees that are in the neighborhood of sixteen hundred fifty dollars (\$1,650). She thought that Tree Fund money could pay for this to be accomplished.

**MOTION: Councilman Buckhannon moved to recommend to Ways and Means to remove the diseased palm tree and to replace it and a live oak, that had to be removed, using Tree Funds in an amount not to exceed seventeen hundred dollars (\$1,700); Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Rice asked if the movies had been discontinued; Director Page answered that they had because they had not been very successful, but were quite expensive. Chairwoman Rice said that a movie might be a good way to entertain children if the January event took place.

**7. Miscellaneous Business**

**Next Meeting Date: 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2009.**

**8. Adjourn**

**MOTION: Councilman Buckhannon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.; Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland  
City Clerk