



**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2013 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Council Chambers**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Adams, Wanda Holloway, Ray Riordan, Kari McCloud, Jennifer Jones, Winston Shade, Marty Buckwald

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Linda Hunt-Williams, Peter Koutroumpis, Stephane Daniel

**STAFF PRESENT:** Julia Meder, Len Bradley

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kevin called the meeting to order

**APPROVAL OF 1/10/13 MINUTES:** Minutes approved with correction of date.

**KEVIN'S UPDATE:** Kevin provided a presentation to Council at the most recent Town Council meeting. This presentation shared communication from the advisory board to council and wished them well at their retreat. He stated that the presentation was very well received and commended the board for a job well done.

**LEN'S UPDATE:** Len shared that at the next Town Council meeting the board will be asked to approve a list of members for the Sugg Farm master plan steering committee. After advertising on the Town's website and the information being picked up in the local newspapers, the department received interest from over 26 residents. These residents along with several staff members and two council members, will serve on the committee pending Council approval. The Town's development team will have a meeting on the property next Tuesday and the first meeting for the steering committee will be in the last week of March.

Len also shared that a recent hot topic in the department has been the potential changes for football. The department sent out a survey to over 6,800 participants. Within the first hour over 70 responses were received. Responses were reviewed and many stated that they were previous participants who had left but stated that they would return should these changes take place. Others stated that they were interested in participating should the changes take place. A few responses were negative but the overwhelming response was positive and supportive of the changes. Len will be discussing the changes with other Town staff and Town Council at the retreat this weekend. At a recent Town Council meeting a parent spoke out against the changes. Prior to speaking, the same parent had met with department staff and spoke in support of the changes. Len will be meeting with the parent next week to discuss and answer questions for this parent to find out why he changed his mind and listen to his opinions.

Len will be speaking to the Town Council and staff at the retreat this weekend to share information about the bond projects and provide an update on the status of projects. Advertisements for bids for Womble Park improvements have been advertised and bid documents will go out in March. The department is close to a bid for the Bass Lake/ Womble Park greenway.

Julia will email to the board a copy of Len's presentation for the retreat.

Kevin asked Len about the feasibility study for the North Main Athletic Complex. A consultant will be presenting information on the feasibility study at the retreat and Len will share the information with the board following the retreat.

A date has been set in March for the annual Clean Sweep at Bass Lake event. This year the department will expand this event to the Sugg Farm property in order to clean up the property and provide residents with an opportunity to see the property.

Len will be meeting with the residents of Oak Hall in two week to provide them with more information and answer questions about the North Main Athletic Complex.

Len shared that Johnny Dickinson, Recreation Superintendent will be retiring on March 29.

Len also shared that the first annual Arts Festival was a huge success. Hundreds attended that many classes, programs and the gala held at the Cultural Center. The Cultural Center is currently working on booking shows for next year and adding additional shows as many have sold out this year.

Wanda asked when the Sugg Farm steering committee members would be contacted regarding their appointment to the committee. Len stated that Julia contacted those interested today and shared that the committee would be going to Council for approval next week and that the department would be in touch when the first meeting is scheduled. Ray requested to be added to the committee.

Kevin asked if the board could present Johnny with plaque for recognition of his service. The board agreed to do a presentation to Johnny at a Town Council meeting. Len stated that the Town would probably do something in recognition of Johnny but the board is welcome to do something in addition. Len will make arrangements for the Town Council meeting on March 19.

**OTHER ITEMS:** Kevin shared that he received a message from Peter stating that he may need to step down from the board as his schedule has changed. Kevin will return his call and discuss further with Peter. Wanda, Stephane, Kevin and Jennifer's terms all expire in June of this year. Julia stated that in order to continue to serve on the board, these members would need to reapply, the department will accept applications and applications will be submitted to council for selection.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned.