

November 19th El Paso Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

The El Paso Parks and Recreation Committee met at the El Paso City Hall on Monday 11-19-2018 at 6:30 PM. Attending were Ellen Rigsby, Will Moore, Alex Brucker, Jennie Kearney, Mary Ellen Kilpatrick, Jack Hickok, Derek Stoller, Colton Scott, Jenna Krones Kim Kearney and Michelle Ramsey.

Jack Hickok gave an update of the current status of the pool screen permit. It seems a verbal agreement may have been reached with the IDPH. Farnsworth is double checking application information and will re submit soon. Jack reported that water had been added to the pool to protect the underground pipes from freezing.

Jack also discussed the projects for improving drainage at Fields one and two. The tile work is complete but the addition of material to the infield to create the slope has not been done as of yet. The material is on hand but the weather has been unfavorable. Alterations to dugout structures was also discussed. Coaches have reviewed some of the ideas for improvements and are ok with the plans.

Out of town fees were discussed. Ellen Rigsby expressed concern that the fees are to high and that the costs may be keeping some parents from registering the children. Derek replied that El Paso Non Resident fees are near the mid range compared to surrounding towns. There was discussion of the "scholarship" program and peoples reluctance to apply for that. Jenny Kearney stated that she had used a like program for her education and was glad to have it and was not embarrassed to apply.

Jerseys for participants were discussed, The Rec Dept pays for these. Re usable Jerseys are being considered. One team last year had a Father pay for all Jerseys for team members on his sons team.

Derek handed out Comparison sheets that showed our Fees in comparison to surrounding towns. Derek stated that we are basically in the mid range of these towns.

Other items discussed were changes from the current software being used by the Recreation Department. Colton Scott and Derek Stoller explained the basic workings of the new software and how the Public would be able to utilize it for registrations and also to receive messages from the Rec department. Payments for participants could be spread out over the length of the program to help parents be able to pay the fees. The belief is that it is much more user friendly than the current system.

Jenna Krones asked whether we were going to a policy of all paid coaches for all programs. That has not been determined at this time.

Notes respectfully submitted by Jack Hickok, Director of Public Service.