

**MARCH 18, 2015 PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Chairperson Mark Wellnitz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members present were Mark Wellnitz, Dave Thomas, Greg Rierson, Denise Langan, Bonnie Slagg and Russell Jorstad. Ken Haagensen was excused. Also present were City Administrator Ramona Flanigan. Public Works Director Tom Hartzell, Alderperson Matt McIntyre and Representatives from the Baseball/Softball organizations.

Hartzell confirmed that the meeting agendas were posted on Friday, March 13, 2015 at BMO Harris Bank, the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Langan/Jorstad motion to approve the December 17, 2014 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER USE OF RACETRACK PARK ADVERTISING FUNDS:**

Mel Simmons appeared before the committee to request using some of the Racetrack Park advertising fees to construct additional batting cages. The committee will need to decide on the policy regarding the use of these batting cages and if they would be available to the public due to the way the funds were raised. The committee will need to consider the following points: Do they think that batting cages are something that would improve Racetrack Park and is there adequate space? If the funds raised are the jurisdiction of the Parks Committee, should the facilities be available to the public because it is in the public park and maintained by the tax payers? The board will need to determine what the allowed conditions will be for accepting future donations or fees. Will we allow organizations to install facilities in our public park and then keep them locked and not used by the public? The netting for the Babe Ruth field will cost \$2,000. That expenditure was approved last year using advertising fees.

A Langan/Rierson motion to approve the use of the remaining [advertising] funds as needed for batting cages. The committee will discuss a policy on use of the facilities on a future agenda. The motion passed on a 6/0 roll call vote.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PARK FEES:**

Tom presented the current fees for Racetrack Park regarding the shelter rental. He suggested not changing the fees. In a past meeting the committee requested stats on the rental of the shelter. Staff provided a history of the last two years of shelter rentals.

A Wellnitz/Slagg motion to leave the current fees as is passed. All voted in favor.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Tom stated some future agenda items. Ramona stated that Brian Dugeon is looking to offer a summer camp at Racetrack Park. This will not be a city sanctioned event. He will fill out an events packet.

**NEXT MEETING DATE & AGENDA ITEMS**

Next meeting: April 22 at 6:30. Agenda items will include, removing sod on the JV softball diamonds, more benches in the play area, policy for donated funds and conditions for those funds, batting cages, use of developer funds.

Being no other business before the Committee, a Thomas/Langan motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Tom Hartzell/wjl  
Public Works Director