

WPRA meeting: 2/21/2019

10:00 a.m.

Gavin Scray called meeting to order

Gavin gave a report regarding the Marinette Rec Department

Presentation from the architect of the REC

Parks

- Working to get sessions in place for conference
- Reminder to register for the April workshop, it is on the WPRA website
- 4th Friday of the month will be meetings from now on

Recreation

- Also working to get sessions in place for the annual conference
- There will be a Bingo Run as part of the social aspect of the spring conference
- Alonzo Kelley will be at the spring conference

Aquatics

- Meeting was online
- Tech workshops info is out, flyers provided, they are at 2 locations now.
- Looking for Region 2 Rep

YPN

- Focus of the group is trying to not just concentrate on students, but young professionals too
- Bringing in directors to speak at annual conference.
- Trying to get back into colleges, group is having a meeting with UWL to raise student awareness
- looking for more funding for students coming to state
- speaking with UWW as well get YP involved

WPRA

- Next meeting March 6th in Oshkosh
- Steph's final year as Region 2 Rep.—looking for a new Region 2 Rep
- Chad
 - Board is concerned with filling terms
 - items have been delayed because of board meeting cancellations
 - Working on board manual
 - public policy committee is getting together and Marty from DePere will be Region 2 rep
 - working on website
 - strategic planning-working on it

- Chad says “get involved!”
- Board meetings → more open forum at board meetings, about an hour session, ask to RSVP, will be lunch

WPRA foundation

- Grant applications on website soon

Spring workshop: no report

Other: no report

- Conference meeting is March 1st, there are talks of adding second session and revamping tradeshow

NEWPRO Account update: \$97.86

Discussion:

- a. Diving boards
 - Manufacturer doesn't resurface anymore, does anyone do in-house? There are kits for sale for approximately \$75.
 - Grippy tape and paint were used for 2-3 years by one location.
 - Oshkosh shipped theirs out because they are certified then
- b. Community Centers: recently built ones include Ashwaubenon, Marinette, Sparta, Oconomowoc
- c. Fund 80: known locations that utilize it include Oshkosh, Menominee, Cambridge, Waupaca, Fond du Lac
- d. Playgrounds
 - Shredded rubber is used in a lot of places
 - Most being transitioned to poured in place or shredded rubber
 - Community members love poured in place
 - Bellevue is pulling rubber mulch out because it wasn't maintained
 - Poured in place - \$15-20/square foot
 - Poured in place more expensive, but less maintenance in long run
- e. Summer day camps:
 - Allouez
 - run alone and has field trips
 - Hire camp coordinator—have own niche 6-12 year old
 - Ashwaubenon —day camp is a huge success, geared to different demographic and is \$125/week Field trips
 - DePere—does day camps and playground program
- f. Outdoor Ice

- Bellevue—not staffed, no lights, and doesn't know if it's being used
- DePere—Not staffed, not overly utilized
- Green Bay—has a ton & is staffed, outdoor hockey day program
- The question was asked by Stephanie, “do you think if there were warming shelters, people would skate more?” Overall the consensus wasn't sure.
- Ice quality is a factor
- Howard—not used much
- Chad had 5 rinks in Marshfield, but was down to two by the time he left. Timeframe of having them up was short
- Oshkosh—flooded in Dec, but was open water until Jan
- Novelty is hit & miss
- Titledown has drawn some customers/not staffed

g. Beer Gardens

- DePere-Council approved creating a separate capital fund for playground improvements
- Four dates in summer with microbrews
- Possibility of bring in food trucks
- Park board discussing tonight