

Mr. Ryan said they will be self-sufficient from an operations standpoint and they don't see asking the City for any money.

Mr. Charlie Pope, 2305 46th Avenue, stated that he is the Chairman of the Youth Sailing Foundation. He said that the IRRC has grown tremendously and Vero Beach needs programs like this. Rowing is extremely structured and children need that. It makes them responsible, respectful, punctual, etc.

Ms. Lajoie explained that they had several meetings with the Land Trust and they actively pursued any land north of the Barber Bridge, but they could not find any suitable land that the Land Trust could partner with them on.

Mr. Holtan asked if the proposed size of the building will be able to accommodate the amount of growth over the next several years, or will they outgrow it.

Mr. Ryan explained that the size of the facility is the exact same size they proposed three (3) years ago. The dimensions of the bays need to be 25 feet wide and 80 feet in length to have adequate space for other items like oars. They can also stack the boats five (5) or six (6) high and the smaller boats they can store end to end. This will allow a lot more storage than they have today. On this proposed site there is room to expand for storage.

Ms. Dinunno made a motion that the concept of the IRRC proposed facility be forwarded to the City Council. Ms. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A) Discuss Power Plant Land Usage Workshop Meeting

Mrs. Dinunno said at their last meeting they discussed a lot of water usage for the Power Plant land, but it is on the same side of the lagoon that the IRRC is located on. The rowing club does not like the windy conditions, so should they not be looking at water usage options for the Power Plant location.

Mr. Slezak explained that certain parts of the water around the Power Plant property are deeper than others, so the water usage ideas should still be in play.

Mrs. Dinunno asked Mr. Slezak if anyone has approached him about the Power Plant property.

Mr. Slezak replied not yet. He said that most people still consider it the Power Plant, but when some of the decisions are made on what to do with the property this will become a much bigger issue.

6. RECREATION DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

A) 41st Annual Aerial Antics Circus Recap

Mr. Slezak reported that the Aerial Antics Circus took place last week. They had a couple of hundred people attend the first show on Thursday night and on Friday and Saturday night each show had about 400 people in attendance. There were 200 – 225 students who participated in this year's circus. The children all had a good time and no one got hurt. They handed out four (4) awards over the weekend. One (1) was for an outstanding Jr. Staff volunteer, two (2) were for outstanding camp participants, and the last one (1) was for the most outstanding gymnast.

B) Public City Council Meetings in September to Discuss the Budget

Mr. Slezak informed the Commission that the budget is still being discussed amongst several people. The Recreation Department's budget was approved at the budget workshop in July, but there are two (2) public meetings in September. They are on September 3rd and September 15th at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall, Council Chambers. The public can voice their opinions and ask questions about the budget and the proposed millage rate.

7. CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

None

8. MEMBER'S MATTERS

Mrs. Dinunno said that a friend of hers mentioned that it is great to be able to rent beach equipment now. Her friend has been ill and cannot carry her own chair and umbrella down to the beach, so she feels the City has done a good thing by offering this service.

Mr. Slezak added that he will be meeting with Shark Bait Beach Rentals to see if they can move forward with some other ideas for the future.

Mrs. Dinunno announced that on August 19, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. there will be a dedication of the mural at the Bethel Creek House.

A) Next Meeting Date – September 8, 2015

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Today's meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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