

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2009**

The meeting of the Parks & Rec. Board was called to order on January 26, 2009 at 5:01 PM at the Algoma Youth Club.

Members Present: Scott Ryan, Marge Rodrian, Jan Dart & Bob Hafeman

Members Absent: Joanne Schneider

Also present: Terry Qualman

Moved by Rodrian second by Hafeman to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Hafeman second by Rodrian to approve last month's meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Moved by Rodrian second by Hafeman to approve the bills. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- More residents have asked about holding birthday parties at the Youth Club. Ryan will contact an acquaintance who runs a similar program to get pricing ideas.

Supervisors Report:

- Flooding the Newman Park Ice Rink began January 5. The rink opened on January 9.
- Saturday morning activities for grades 1-5 have been averaging nearly 50 kids.
- The Parks & Recreation department will again be offering gymnastics classes at the Door County YMCA beginning in February.
- The Bloodmobile will be at the Youth Club on Monday February 9.
- Another park bench in memory of Tom Ackerman will be placed at Peterson Park.
- Women's volleyball will begin the next session on Monday February 16.
- The Bridal Show will be held at the Youth Club on Sunday March 1.
- The Parks & Recreation Department Pepsi Hot Shot Basketball Contest and Free Throw Contest will be held in March. The Algoma Optimist Club will also hold a Pass-Shoot & Dribble Contest in March.
- Lifeline screening will return on Tuesday, March 31 at the Youth Club gym.

New Business:

- Pool Works has confirmed we will have to re-do our wading pool drain to meet new safety laws. The cost will be approximately \$1,200.00 - \$1,500.00. The Committee discussed perhaps discontinuing the pool due to the continuing costs of upkeep. Qualman will tally all pool costs and will be discussed again at the next meeting. The Committee discussed approaching the community to see if anyone would donate funding to keep the pool open.

- The Newman Park Ice Rink has been open since January 5th. The Committee discussed perhaps only keeping the rink open for a limited time due to the costs. A citizen had asked about the possibility of turning Newman Park into a Botanical Garden. Qualman will check to see what restrictions the Newman family had put on the property for usage when they donated the land to the city to see if a garden would be allowed.
- Brad Eastman, the high school baseball coach, has raised about \$9,000.00 so far to do Perry Field repairs. Motion by Hafeman second by Ryan to supply up to \$2,000.00 for this project from our school sports contract. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 23 at 5:00 PM.

Moved by Hafeman second by Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.