Parks and Recreation Committee

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Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 00:01

All right, we'll call to order the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee for Monday, July 8. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 00:10

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 00:21

Thank you. Roll call of membership. We'll just note no one is in the chamber. So we can note that all members of the committee are present.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 00:32

And I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our previous meeting.

Alderperson Vaya Jones (District 10) 00:36

Move to approve.

Alderperson Martyn Smith (District 4) 00:37

Second.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 00:37

We have a motion to approve and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote all those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion passes five, zero.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 00:49

We have no public hearings or appearances this evening and no action items, but we do have two information items. We'll start with 24-0901 the 2024 Parks and Recreation mid-year report. Director Gazza, did you want to make any comments on this? Or do you want me to just ask for questions?

[Director Gazza speaks off microphone.]

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 01:19 Oh, I'm sorry. Hold on one second. Director 3 or District 3?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 01:24

Director 3.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 01:25

Okay.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 01:27

Thank you, Chair. Yeah, the report pretty concise and it outlines a lot of what happened in the first six months of the year. What we'll do is at year end, we bring the full year report to you, and then we bring in each of the

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managers to speak to their report. So we don't do that during the mid-year, but there's any information anything in here that you would like to know more about or have questions about welcome, you know, those right now.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 01:58

Any questions or comments from committee on the mid-year report? Yes, Alder Jones.

Alderperson Vaya Jones (District 10) 02:02

I just want to say thank you for your mom prom event. It's an incredible event, and please continue to keep having that.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 02:08

Will do.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:09

Moms love the prom. That is true.

Alderperson Vaya Jones (District 10) 02:11

Non moms also love the prom.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:14

Anyone else?

Alderperson Martyn Smith (District 4) 02:15

Did the online—I mean, without putting out the actual guide, physical guidebook, did that seem to work out? There wasn't a drop in participation as a result of it?

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:25

Good question. Any other questions or comments? Thank you very much.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 02:25

It was—we debated that. It felt at times, you know, when we were kicking off some of the registration that it was lagging, but then it picked up and it seems you know, per our participation numbers, you know, all of our youth sports and everything just excelled. So it might take some people some time to get used to a bit, but I don't think it's a barrier for them to register.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:57

We'll move on to the next item 24-0902 the Reid Golf Course June 2024 Revenue and Expense Report. Any questions or comments?

Alderperson Martyn Smith (District 4) 03:12

Seemed like we were way ahead and as we headed into summer, and then the rain maybe slowed—did that slow down the profits?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 03:21

Yes, we were about 100,000 ahead, and then yeah, we get into summer and then it caught up. Also, from an expense side we take on more expenses just because there's more work done. But we still continue to feel like we're doing very well staying ahead of last year, and despite the rain, I had asked Jeff how much that was

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hurting us. And he said "Slightly." He said it's still—they're booking any chance they get. So hopefully the rain stops, and we can get on with our golf.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:56

I will say that driving past in the rain, it doesn't seem to stop anyone. It looks like the course is still quite full. Alder Wolff.

Alderperson Nate Wolff (District 12) 04:06

Thank you, Chair. I know that we increased our prices in the clubhouse last year. Are we seeing a drop off on purchases, or is it the same? higher?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 04:17

No. Actually it had—has not had any negative effect. In fact, you wouldn't even know it from the standpoint that you have the tee sheets completely full and people are still coming in and trying to reserve tee times. So that inventory is being sold.

Alderperson Nate Wolff (District 12) 04:32

Perfect. Thank you.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 04:34

Anybody else? Just say congratulations as always. Let's keep it going.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 04:41

Hearing none, we'll move on to number eight.

Alderperson Nate Wolff (District 12) 04:44

Motion to adjourn.

Alderperson Vaya Jones (District 10) 04:45

Second.

Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 04:46

We have a motion to adjourn and a second. All those in favor say aye. Aye. We are adjourned. Thank you.