Berkley Parks and Recreation Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes 5/9/2019

Attendance: Greg Patterson, Gary Polk, Betty Smith, Jes Alger
City Council Member: Bridget Dean
Absent: Mike Kerby, John Nicolai, Joshua Pollard
Parks and Recreation: Theresa McArleton

Call to order: 7:06 PM
Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Betty Smith and seconded by Jes Alger
Approval of prior minutes: Motioned by Betty Smith and Seconded by Greg Patterson
Public Comments: No

Matter of Program Update: There are several trips planned for the seniors. These trips are well
attended. There are also several events planned for the seniors, check the Parks and Rec
webpage or the Berkley Buzz for a complete listing. The summer classes have started and have
seen good attendance rates. Sign up for all classes are on the Parks and Rec webpage. For
assistance or questions contact the park and rec office. Adult leagues have started. The reason
for the baseball nets not going up is caused by the wet fields. When the large trucks are able to
drive on the fields without destroying them the nets will be placed. There has been discussion
with city staff to leave the nets up year round as a cost saving measure since it is costly to place
and remove the nets. Summer day camp sign up has been available and has seem an increase
when compared to the same time last year.

Matter of Park Updates:
Bids are being returned for new ten seat spin equipment to be installed. There is also plans to
have drainage work continued at Lazenby Field. Park and senior home clean up is planned to
happen Saturday May 11. The school district is again working with the parks and rec for this
event. Budget meetings with will begin with city council next week.

Summer Meeting Schedule:
It was motioned by Greg Patterson and seconded by Betty Smith to remove June, July, and
August Park and Rec advisory board meetings from the 2019 calendar. Yes-Jes Alger, Betty
Smith, Gary Polk, Greg Patterson. No-None. The board verbalized should there need to be a
meeting during this period they would reach out and plan accordingly.

Comments:
Bridget D.: City Council has recently reviewed a matrix for the complete street project. The
mayor has appointed a committee to work on community center plans.
Theresa M.: The Friends of Parks and Rec is planning a euchre tournament at Berkley Days. They
will also be auctioning off little libraries. The ice arena demolition is out to bid and should
begin work in July and end in September. Green space is planned for this area.
Greg P.: Wished happy birthdays to Betty and Jes. Thanked the staff and board for their
dedication to making parks and rec a vital part of Berkley.
Gary P.: Was glad the meeting was positive. Thanked the staff for their dedication to the
citizens. Appreciates the work and dedication from parks and rec staff to the betterment of our
community.
Betty S.: Is excited about spring and summer events and has been enjoying the recent senior
trips that she has been involved with. Youth assistance is holding Taste of Berkley on 5/16.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 PM Motioned by Greg Patterson and seconded by Gary Polk