



## RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Santaquin City Council Chambers  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Board Members Present:** Chad Finch, Davis Harris, Lesley Miller, Sara Olsen, Josh Nielson

**Others Present:** City Manager Benjamin Reeves, Recreation and Events Manager Amy Johnson, Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham, Leisure Services Director John Bradley, Office Clerk and Board Secretary Hayden Mageno.

**The meeting was called to order at:** 7:03 PM

**Inspirational Thought/Invocation:** Prayer led by Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Board Member Josh Neilson

### **Minutes:**

- a) Approval of minutes from the board meeting held on 8-12-19  
Board Member Sara Olsen made motion to approve minutes from the last meeting, Board Member David Harris second the motion.

**Public Forum:** Nobody present

### **Agenda Items:**

- a) Discussion of the proposed Recreation and Aquatics Center.

Recreation and Events Manager Amy Johnson explained that she wants to make sure all of the boards questions are being answered about the proposed Recreation and Aquatics Center so the board can be well informed voices.

Leisure Services Director John Bradley introduced himself to the new position. Mr. Bradley explained that Santaquin is in a very unique position right now. It's not every year that a city gets the opportunity to put this on the ballot. When Provo started it took over 15 years. Springville was closer to 10 years.

Leisure Services Director John Bradley stated that we all need to take the opportunity to educate everyone around us and spread the word. The percentage of residence in each community that have a membership: Blanding, 32%, Kamas, 30%, Cottonwood Heights, 40%, Springville, 25%, Lehi, 30%. The bigger the city the lower the number because there's more competition.

Board Member Sara Olsen asked if we can review the cost for home owner's taxes. City Manager Benjamin Reeves showed on the updated city website how to calculate that. average cost per home. There also is a table chart breaking down the amount on taxes per year, month and day. City Manager Benjamin Reeves wants to make a booklet to mail out of all of the pictures, graphs and information for the proposed recreation and aquatics center as well as questions and answers. Mr. Reeves also showed a graph on the percentage in home



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growth, and even in the recession there was growth.

Board member Sara Olsen asked if the price of the building takes into account of if the district would donate for the pool.

City Manager Benjamin Reeves it won't be included in the cost, all the district would do is improve the pool and extend it. If we get more donations it will cut costs.

Board member Josh Nelson asked about if the school district were to donate how would that effect the usage of the recreation center for them. Also the city's recreation department use for sports and events?

City Manager Benjamin Reeves said that if the school contributes they will get exclusive use time for the pool and designated lanes. The pool would still be open to the public. The Recreation department may use it for sports, such as basketball, if so they might use the main court for games or practice but there would still be smaller courts open for the public to play in. We would still be using the schools for practices and games.

Board member Josh Nelson stated that people are still getting information from social media, in order to get the message out we need to be more active on social media. There seems to be a level of mistrust how do we win back that mistrust, and be as transparent as possible.

Board members talked about possibly doing videos from the recreation board to express concerns and thoughts.

### **Reports of Officials and Staff:**

a) Upcoming meeting schedule  
October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

b) Update of the current soccer season.

Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham talked about the refs. He said they are very young and we will keep working with them and teaching them more about the sport.

Board Member Josh Nelson noted that the kids are getting wore out fast and recommended adding more subs for next season.

Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham said he would definitely look into it for next year.

Board member David Harris asked what's the policy on thunder?

Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham said the site supervisors download the "My Lighting" app to see if its within 6 miles.

Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham talked about Flag Football evaluation this Saturday. We need more kids in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> league.

**Next meeting will be:** October 14, 2019. 7:00 PM



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**Topics for next meeting:** Discussion of the proposed Recreation and Aquatics Center.

**Adjournment** Vice Chair Chad Finch made the motion to adjourn. Board Member Josh Neilson second the motion. All were in favor we were adjourn at 8:56 PM.

  
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Jessica Tolman, Chair

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Chad Finch, Vice