



Wilkinson stated this would not be an on-going expense since the school janitors do a great job.

Commissioner Wall asked about use of the Music Room. Recreation Director Wilkinson stated that the City still does not schedule the Music Room, however, it can be used with approval by the School District.

Commissioner Blauvelt commended staff on a great job.

Commissioner Scammell asked about any glitches that may have occurred. Recreation Director Wilkinson stated things have gone quite smoothly. There have been occasional problems but the user groups are very responsible.

M/s Blauvelt/Scammell to support the staff recommendation: 1) there will be no increase in fees, 2) the surplus should be placed in the 5-year Capital Improvement Budget with repairs performed as needed.

Ayes: All Absent: Aschwald

## 2. Review of Rules for Use of Piper Park Recommendation by Recreation Director

Recreation Director Wilkinson presented the staff report.

Chair Hauser referred to rule #8 and asked whether a sporting event could set up a concession stand to sell food and beverages. Recreation Director Wilkinson stated the Larkspur Municipal Code prohibits any commercial sales in the parks. Commissioner Wall questioned this and stated he would not be opposed to fundraising events in the park. The other Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Blauvelt stated it should be at the discretion of the Recreation Director.

M/s Wall/Scammell, to direct staff to prepare a recommendation to the City Council that rule #8 regarding fundraising activities and commercial sales in the park should be at the discretion of the Recreation Director.

Ayes: All Absent: Aschwald

Recreation Director Wilkinson pointed out rule #11 and discussed the letter he received from a Riviera Circle resident complaining about the noise from the Bounce House generators. He stated this should no longer be a problem since the companies that supply them are currently using “silent” generators that are less noisy. Recreation Supervisor Whitley stated the Bounce Houses could be placed further from the homes across the creek. Commissioner Scammell asked about the hours of operation for the Bounce Houses. Recreation Director Wilkinson stated most birthday parties start around 10:00 a.m. or after. Commissioner Wall suggested the following wording regarding the hours of operation: “Exceptions to be granted by the Recreation Director”.

M/s Scammell/Blauvelt, to recommend adoption of the Rules for Use of Piper Park with the revisions.

Ayes All Absent: Aschwald

#### RECREATION DIRECTOR'S ORAL REPORT

Recreation Director Wilkinson stated the Larkspur School District voted to award the bid for the multi-use field. The bid from O. C. Jones and Company of Berkeley came in under the estimated \$1.1 million. The entire project is budgeted at \$1.3 million including architect fees, etc. He stated his priority will be to come up with the extra \$300,000 which could come from private donors or the Water Bond. Construction will begin in mid-March and should be completed by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Opening ceremonies should be sometime around Labor Day. The Commission commended Recreation Director Wilkinson on his contribution to this wonderful project. The new Recreation Department office should be installed sometime in March. The Ross Valley Summer School Program brochure is at the typesetter and will soon be sent to the printer. It will be mailed out the end of March. The deadline for Roller Hockey sign-ups is next Monday. Tidalwaves starts next Monday with around 250 participants. The Joint Meeting with the Corte Madera Parks and Recreation Commission scheduled for March might be cancelled.

#### COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS/OUTREACH PROGRAM REPORTS

Commissioner Wall discussed a newspaper article about an artificial turf field in Redding. Apparently, the manufacturer of the turf was carrying the cost with no interest charges. Recreation Director Wilkinson stated the school district's plan is to finance the actual cost of the turf itself.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary