

June 13, 2019 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Ryan Cantlin, John Levy, Phil McNally, Robert Niles, Kevin Quick, Maribeth Manigold, Mindy McConnaughay (Mark Astle, Director of Recreation).

Others attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn

Recreation Board Members Absent: Alex Spencer

Guests: none

1. Phil moved to approve May Recreation minutes. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
2. Maribeth moved to accept the May Recreation financial report. Phil second. Motion passed.
3. Robert moved to accept the May pool financial report. Mindy second. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report
 - A. Reported the season began well with over 500 attending in the first three days.
 - B. Noted that the adults only time from 11 to noon seemed popular.
 - C. Reviewed income and expenses up to this point.
 - D. Reported on the rental schedule
 - E. Praised her staff for the job they had done so far.
 - F. Reported that baby pool gate had been repaired.
 - G. Asked the board for permission to purchase two replacement umbrellas, one large, one small. The board agreed that she could purchase the replacements.
 - H. Scheduled an open house for June 20 for the board to tour the pool.
4. Commissioner's Report (presented by Steve Kuhn):
 - A. Reported that Commissioner Rodriguez intends to move ahead and complete Pip Park to get equipment installed.
 - B. Reported that each park has been assigned to a different park employee who will assume responsibility for that park's upkeep.
 - C. Reported that city council is interested in beginning to improve Allen Park. He asked if the board would be interested in taking the lead on developing Allen Park. The first step would be to hire a consulting firm to do a study and create suggestions. Tami can help with locating possible firms to conduct the study. The study would then be used to apply for state grants. The board agreed to begin by talking to Tami.
 - D. Asked the board to supply all park development plans to Commissioner Rodriguez.
 - E. Reported that Commissioner Rodriguez is not in favor of moving the concrete animals at Thornton. She would like the board to delay development of Thornton.
5. President's Report:
 - A. Reported on AARP attendance.
 - B. Noted that there is a meeting about Pip Park in the Lincoln Room at 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 19.
 - C. Reported that Heritage Harbor is planning to construct a dog park with a grant from Pet Smart. The park will be open to the general public.
 - D. Announced that he will bring four-year plans to the July meeting for re-examination before submitting them to the commissioner.

6. Director's Report

A. Mark reported that the adult softball seems to be working fine with one umpire on Monday and Tuesday nights. The women's fast pitch league had not been able to play yet due to weather. There has been less resistance to the bat inspections and liability forms this year. The concession stand is again being run by Roxy's Sweet Confections.

C. Mark reported that program registration had gone smoothly and that the summer camps and park programs had begun on Monday with no problems. Mark reported that upcoming special events for June included the Peck Park Picnic on June 19 and the magic show at Central School on June 26. Mark also thanked the Parks Department for their help at the beginning of the season.

7. Old Business -- The board discussed outstanding committed money of \$70, 230.

8. Long Range Planning and Board Goals

A. Construction in Progress -- none

B. Park Inspections – none

C. Long Range Plans (Kevin and Maribeth) –Kevin will bring current 4 year park plans to the next meeting.

D. Bike Paths – none.

E. New Subdivisions and city acquisitions –None.

9. Committee Reports.

A. By-laws (Maribeth) - none

B. Financial (Alex) – None

C. Parks– John noted that the mulch at Peck Park had been removed. Phil reported that the shelter costs for Hollywood park were coming in under budget. Phil also suggested that Rec board and the city revisit the plans to upgrade the area around the North Side Little League diamonds. Phil reported that large chunks of asphalt had been found in the outfield of Whitney field. They had apparently been overlooked when the field was being leveled. Phil reported that higher fencing had been installed on the third base side of little league after a foul ball struck a spectator. The cost of the fencing was 2660. Phil motioned for the board to approve the cost of the fencing. Mindy second. Motion passed. Phil motioned that the board spend up to \$1000 to number all the ball diamonds in town. Maribeth second. Motion passed.

D. Programs – (Phil and John)

i. Maribeth moved to pay OBB \$6000 of maintenance money. John second. Motion passed

ii. Phil motioned to pay Junior League Baseball \$2500 of maintenance money. Maribeth second. Motion passed.

E. Pool –Phil reported that blue fence guard had been installed on the fence around the baby pool. He also reported that phone lines had been accidentally cut by construction, but were now repaired.

10. New Business. – The board discussed wooden park identification signs and ID cards. Robert reported that Captain Cheetham is the contact person for the ID cards through the police department.

Meeting adjourned.