

## July, 2019 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn, Commissioner Rodriguez, Tami Koppen  
Recreation Board Members Absent: Alex Spencer, Mindy McConnaughay  
Guests: Steve Brenbarger

1. Maribeth moved to approve June Recreation minutes. Phil second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved to accept the June Recreation financial report. Robert second. Motion passed.
3. Maribeth moved to accept the pool financial report. Phil second. Motion passed.
4. Pool Manager's report
  - A. Reported on June income from entrance fees and concession stand
  - B. Reported on the number of passes purchased.
  - C. Reported on Rentals
  - D. Reported on Expenses from painting, pump repair and replacement, and baby pool gate repair.
  - E. Reported that the pool's last day to be open will be August 11.
4. Commissioner's Report (presented by Steve Kuhn):
  - A. Reported that Pip Park construction has begun.
  - B. Complimented the pool and the Rec programs
  - C. Expressed hope that the board will help the city begin the undertaking of improving Allen Park.
  - D. Hoped that board would be able to supply all park development plans to Commissioner Rodriguez.
  - E. Noted that the city is now able to keep up the mowing. Storms have slowed down the tree and bush trimming.
  - F. Washington Square Park clean-up is proceeding and making the park more inviting and attractive.
  - G. Will be working with Comm. Eichelkraut to submit an OSLAND grant for Thornton Park. Tuesday's city council meeting will a motion for Upland Design to write a grant for Thornton Park.
5. President's Report:
  - A. Reported on AARP attendance.
  - B. Thanked Tracy for conducting the tour of the pool
  - C. Reported that Heritage Harbor has finished constructing a dog park with a grant from Pet Smart. The park will be open to the general public.
  - D. Distributed the four-year plans re-examination before submitting them to the commissioner.
6. Director's Report
  - A. Mark reported that there are five lights out on adult softball Gross Field. Mark reported that the season just finished week seven and the regular season should finish August 2. The girls' fast pitch will be finished by July 24.

B. Mark reported on summer camps, noting attendance is down from previous years even though the number of camp sessions is essentially the same. Mark also reported on the summer program and special events, noting that the attendance was comparable with previous years. He praised his staff for their effort and professionalism. Finally Mark reported that he was researching how the Y and the city were planning for the minimum wage increase so that he can make recommendations to the board.

C. Mark asked that the board approve the Class Act II contract in the amount of \$1200. He noted that it has been over ten years since band has increased the cost of the band for this event. John moved to approve the paying for the band for Fall Harvest Dance. Maribeth second. Motion passed.

7. Old Business –

A. The board discussed outstanding committed money.

B. The board discussed the proposal by Upland Design to do the preliminary work of Creating a design for Allen Park. Phil motioned to approve and accept the proposal from Upland Design at a cost of \$12,850. John Second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

8. Long Range Planning and Board Goals

A. Construction in Progress -- none

B. Park Inspections – none

C. Long Range Plans (Kevin and Maribeth) –Kevin discussed the notation he had added to the maps to create the four-year plans for each park.

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–

i. Phil suggested beginning to think about developing Autumn Wood Park Playground.

ii. The board discussed repairing lights at Gross Field. John moved that the board spend no more than \$10,000 to repair and replace the lights. Robert second. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion passed.

D. Programs – (Phil and John)

i. Phil reported that concrete pads had been poured at Hollywood Park.

ii. Phil reported that Bob Castelli is willing to donate a tree to be planted near Masinelli in honor of his son.

iii. Phil asked OSC to have all of their meetings open to the public.

iv. Phil reported on repairs at to an adult softball gate and to Masinelli.

v. Phil reported that he had asked that the soccer goals be moved into position at Whitney.

vi. Phil reported that Park Name signs were being installed.

vii. Phil moved that the board approve improvements to Whitney Field in the form of a new home plate and improvements to the pitching mound. The cost would be \$600 for materials from Beacon Athletics. 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.