

November 14, 2019 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn

Recreation Board Members Absent: None

Guests: None

1. Maribeth moved to approve October Recreation minutes Phil second. Motion passed.
2. John moved to accept the October Recreation financial report. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
3. Robert moved to accept the October pool financial report. Mindy second. Motion passed.
4. Guests: None
5. Pool Manager's report – not required to attend October through April.
6. Commissioner's Report (presented by Steve Kuhn):
 - a. Reported that PIP Park construction is suspended due to weather
 - b. Reported that Commissioner Rodriguez promoted the Thornton Park grant application in Springfield.
 - c. Expressed gratitude for the work the Recreation Board did.
7. President's Report:
 - a. Reported on AARP meeting attendance.
 - b. Reported on a request by South Side Little league to purchase parking lot south of the park.
 - c. Reported that he had conferenced with both Mark and Tracy concerning their evaluations.
8. Director's Report
 - a. Mark reported that fall softball finished. He presented the 2019 softball financial report.
 - b. Mark reported that he and Tim Trumbo had finished planning adult basketball. Tentative start date is December 1.
 - c. Mark reported that the Senior Harvest Dance was a success with approximately 120 people attending. Mark distributed several letters of appreciation.
9. Old Business – The board reviewed the amount of money committed to projects.
10. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – The board discussed prioritizing construction projects for the upcoming fiscal year. The board tentatively decided on the following projects: Sidewalk completion east of June Gross Field in Lincoln Douglas Complex (\$30,000), Rehabilitate Basketball courts in Walsh Park Park (\$14,550) and Fox River (\$5900), Replace East Side Park play equipment (\$30,000).

- b. Park Inspections – John reported on his inspection of the play equipment at East Side Park.
- c. Long Range Plans (Kevin and Maribeth) –None
- d. Bike Paths – Steve and Phil reported on bike lane meeting to expand bike lanes to Boyce Memorial Drive and E. Main Street.
- e. New Subdivisions and city acquisitions –None.

11. Committee Reports.

- a. By-laws (Maribeth) - none
- b. Financial (Ryan) -- Ryan reported on work he and Mark had done on the salary portion of the budget for camp directors, adult softball employees, and adult basketball employees.
- c. Parks–
 - i. Phil reported that there was a \$455 overage on electrical work at Hollywood Park. The board and the city will split the cost of the overage.
- d. Programs – (Phil and John)
 - i. Phil reported that South Side Little League locks being replaced.
 - ii. Phil asked the board to review the field use permit and guidelines.
 - iii. Phil reported on issues with the circuit breaker on Roy Sanders Field. Phil motioned that the board spend \$3360 to replace the breaker with an industrial strength breaker. John second. Motion Passed.
 - iv. Phil discussed the advantages of moving the bullpen to the outfield of Whitney Field.
 - v. Phil reported that Ottawa High School will be sponsoring a summer baseball program.
 - vi. Phil reported that OGFA is still optimistic about getting scoreboards installed soon.
- e. Pool –Kevin reported that Tracy said she will resign at the end of the 2020 summer season.

12. New Business. –

- a. Kevin introduced new board member Randy Orr.
- b. Kevin asked board members to bring program ideas along with suggestions for people or businesses to run the programs.
- c. Kevin moved to increase Mark’s pay rate 4% in 2020 over 2019. John Second. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.