

February 13, 2020 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Tami Koppen

Recreation Board Members Absent: Ryan Cantlin, Randy Orr, Mindy McConnaughay

Guests: None

1. Phil moved to approve January Recreation minutes. John second. Motion passed.
2. Maribeth moved to accept the January Recreation financial report. Robert second. Motion passed.
3. Phil moved to accept the January pool financial report. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
4. Guests: None
5. Pool Manager's report – not required to attend October through April.
6. Commissioner's Report: None
7. President's Report:
 - a. Presented a request from the Ottawa Y that the Playground and Recreation Board become a partial sponsor of Y youth programs. Maribeth moved to spend \$2500 to become a partial sponsor of Y youth programs. John second. Motion Passed.
 - b. Kevin reported on a request by the Canal Corridor Bike Share Program to make bikes available. The board had no interest in the proposal due to cost considerations.
 - c. Kevin reported on AARP attendance.
 - d. Kevin reminded the board that Officer nominations will be taken in March.
 - e. Kevin reported that city commissioners asked him to ask the board to delay on East Side Park until the Thornton Park grant work has been completed. The board agreed to delay the work.
8. Director's Report
 - a. Mark reported that adult basketball season was winding down, and the tournament will be complete in two weeks.
 - b. Mark noted that summer Rec planning would begin soon.
9. Old Business – None.
10. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – none
 - b. Park Inspections – None
 - c. Long Range Plans (Kevin and Maribeth) –None
 - d. Bike Paths – Tami reported that Starved Rock Cycling and City of Ottawa are asking the Rec board to split the cost of \$12000 to create new bike paths on Boyce Memorial Drive, Superior Street, and State Street. Phil moved that the

board spend \$4000 to split the cost of the new bike paths with SRC and Ottawa.
Steve second. Motion passed.

- e. New Subdivisions and city acquisitions –Tami reported that city council enacted a four year moratorium on collecting park fees or land if subdivisions were developed.

11. Committee Reports.

- a. By-laws (Maribeth) - None
- b. Financial (Ryan) – Mark presented the revised Playgrounds and Recreation Budget. John moved to approve both the Recreation and pool budgets. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
- c. Parks– The board discussed flagpole lighting and decided to concentrate on the parks first.
- d. Programs – (Phil and John)
 - i. Phil reported that the centerfield bleachers at OGFA field one were removed due to dangerous deterioration. Phil proposed purchasing replacement bleachers at future time.
 - ii. Phil noted that Ollum field has some travel team games scheduled. The question of maintenance is still unclear.
 - iii. Phil noted that the Whitney Field schedule is being finalized.
 - iv. Phil said he is seeking bids for a sidewalk to connect the softball complex with the south soccer field.
- e. Pool – none

12. New Business. – none

13. The board went into closed session to discuss personnel.

14. The board moved to come out of closed session. Kevin certified that only approved topics were discussed.

Meeting adjourned.