

June 11, 2020 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Tami Koppen

Recreation Board Members Absent: None

Guests: None

1. Phil moved to approve May Recreation minutes. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
2. Kevin moved to accept the May Recreation financial report. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
3. Phil moved to accept the pool financial report. Kevin second. Motion passed.
4. Guests: None
5. Pool Manager's report – Pool closed.
6. Commissioner's Report: None
7. President's Report:
 - a. John noted that Varland baseball fields and Peck baseball and softball fields were getting busy.
 - b. John reminded the board that he would ask for each member to volunteer for a committee by the July meeting. Contact John to volunteer.
 - c. Suggested that the board explore asking the Y to run the pool should the pool be allowed to open in 2021.
8. Director's Report
 - i. Mark reported on the Craft giveaway program.
 - ii. Mark reported on the development of the virtual recreation activities the Rec staff had developed.
 - iii. Mark reported that softball was still on hold. Kevin suggested a preseason tournament to allow college students to participate before they returned to school.
9. Old Business – Ryan reported on committed money.
10. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – Tami reported that East Side Playground equipment had been ordered and that an extra piece had been included gratis. She was unsure of an installation date due to the limited amount of park employees.
 - b. Park Inspections – None
 - c. Long Range Plans (Kevin and Maribeth) –
 - d. Bike Paths – Tami reported that she had worked with Starved Rock Cycling to be given and Honorable mention as a Biking Community. Ottawa was one of only 8 communities to be given an honorable mention.

- e. New Subdivisions and city acquisitions –None. This agenda item will be omitted in the future because the council has removed for four years the requirement that developers set aside land or money for recreation purposes.

11. Committee Reports.

- a. By-laws (Maribeth) - None
- b. Financial (Ryan) – None
- c. Parks–
 - i. Tami reported that the basketball court painting at Rigden was complete.
 - ii. Phil reported that the Russ Mammon memorial bench was installed.
- d. Programs – (Phil and John)
 - i. Phil reported that both OGFA had submitted and North Side Little League had submitted required documents to be given the half share of maintenance money decided by the board in May. Maribeth moved that the board pay OGFA maintenance money. Kevin second. Motion passed. Robert moved that the board pay North Side Little League maintenance money. Randy B. second. Motion passed.
 - ii. The board discussed paying maintenance money to OBB. Maribeth moved to pay OBB its share of maintenance money. Kevin second. Motion passed – Phil abstained.
 - iii. The board discussed \$29,000 to upgrade Ollum Field electrical service due to safety concerns. Phil moved the board approve the replacement, and John would ask Commissioner Rodriquez to have the city share some of the cost. Kevin second. Motion Passed.
 - iv. The board discussed continuing the sidewalk from the current ending point on the east side of the adult softball field and soccer field in the Lincoln Douglas complex. Ruiz quoted the cost for doing half the sidewalk at \$16,000. Maribeth moved to accept the quote and asked John to ask Commissioner Rodriquez to have the city share some of the cost. Steve second. Motion passed.
- e. Pool – John invited board members to go with him to do a detailed inspection of the pool to create a prioritized list of maintenance to work on to keep the pool in usable condition.

12. New Business. – The board directed Mark to check on having in person meetings if the state moves to Phase 4 of its pandemic recovery plan.

Meeting adjourned.