

April 9, 2020 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Tami Koppen

Recreation Board Members Absent: Randy Orr, Ryan Cantlin, Randy Bretag

Guests: None

1. Maribeth moved to approve March Recreation minutes. Phil second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved to accept the March Recreation financial report. Steve second. Motion passed.
3. Phil moved to accept the March 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: Kevin reported the following for Steve Kuhn: Parks department is planning on continuing work at Walsh Park. Parks has assigned specific workers for each park, so he welcomes comments and compliments. Parks has aerated and fertilized baseball fields in town.
7. President's Report:
 - a. Reported that Riordan Pool will not open this summer due to safety concerns. Parks will mow inside the pool.
 - b. Randy Bretag has been appointed to the board to fill the vacant position.
 - c. Thornton Park work may be delayed.
 - d. Suggested that board continue ahead with replacing equipment at East Side Park. The board has already approved up to \$125,000. Tami reported that the cost of the equipment, including a dual 66 foot zip line, would be \$92,695. The board decided against installing matting at this time due the cost. The board gave Tami permission to choose the color of the equipment. Tami said she would start on this project and keep the board informed.
8. Director's Report
 - i. Mark reported that summer parks and program planning was on hold until pandemic restrictions for the summer were clarified. He reported he is working with his assistant director to create contingency plans.
 - ii. Mark noted that although softball registration forms were available online, Recreation was not accepting any registration. He reported he has met with Tim Trumbo and developed a contingency plan to start the season later and play through the time normally reserved for the fall league.
 - iii. John suggested that the board meet again April 30 to discuss summer programs. He noted that both the state and the IHSA were to provide guidance that day regarding the future of pandemic restrictions. The board directed Mark to set the meeting.
9. Old Business – None

10. Long Range Planning and Board Goals

- a. Construction in Progress – The board decided to move ahead with the East Side Park equipment replacement.
- b. Park Inspections – None
- c. Long Range Plans (Kevin and Maribeth) –None
- d. Bike Paths – None
- e. New Subdivisions and city acquisitions –None

11. Committee Reports.

- a. By-laws (Maribeth) - None
- b. Financial (Ryan) – None
- c. Parks– The board requested Tami to try to get the Rigden Park basketball court painted.
- d. Programs – (Phil and John)
 - i. Phil reported that Halm Electric estimates \$20,000 to \$25,000 to upgrade Ollum Field electrical service.
 - ii. Phil reported the OGFA scoreboards were being installed and that the new bleachers are in transit.
 - iii. The board discussed donating money to non-recreation related activities.
- e. Pool – The board discussed the closing of Riordan Pool for the summer. Kevin noted that Traci reiterated that she will not return.

12. New Business. –

- a. Kevin called for any new officer nominations. Seeing none, nominations were closed.
- b. John Levy accepted the nomination in March for president. The board voted unanimously to elect him President. His term begins at the April Special meeting.
- c. Robert Niles accepted the nomination in March for vice president. The board voted unanimously to elect him vice president. His term begins at the special meeting in April.

Meeting adjourned.