

April 8, 2021 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Phil McNally, Robert (Bud) Niles, John Levy, Randy Bretag, Alex Spencer, Randy Orr, Ryan Cantlin, Steve Brenbarger, (Mark Astle, Director of Ottawa Recreation).

Others attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn

Recreation Board Members Absent: Maribeth Manigold

Guests: None

1. Alex moved to approve March Recreation minutes. Randy B. second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved to accept the March Recreation and Pool financial reports. Randy O. second. Motion passed.
3. Guests: None
4. Pool Manager's report – Pool closed.
5. Commissioner's Report: Steve Kuhn presented the Commissioner's report.
 - a. The swimming pool has been emptied so that Ruiz Construction can make repairs. The plumber has been asked to fill the pipes as soon as possible to check for leaks. A new pump has been ordered for the mushroom water feature. The facility inspection by Kmetz Engineering should be completed by mid-May.
 - b. East Side Park has new equipment installed at the north end. Some extra concrete will be added on the south end to reduce the amount of rubber safety surface needed.
 - c. The Thornton Park preconstruction meeting will be held April 13.
 - d. Public works is considering how to best seal off the space under the skate park features.
 - e. The shelters at Kiwanis Park will be reroofed soon with metal roofing.
6. President's Report: None.
7. Director's Report
 - i. Mark reported that he is in the midst of planning the summer Rec camps and park programs. Several activity sponsors have decided not to host this summer. It is still unclear whether schools will allow summer camps.
 - ii. Mark reported that Rec had received few park supervisors and assistant supervisor applications. He felt that the summer park program could get by with fewer supervisors if needed.
 - iii. Mark reported that Marquette's softball season ends by June 4, and adult softball will start Monday, June 7. Registration and Roster forms will be made available beginning Monday, April 12. Mark detailed changes to the season and to the rules as a result of COVID.
8. Old Business – None
9. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – East Side Park (See Commissioner's report).
 - b. Park Inspections – None

- c. Long Range Plans (Kevin and Maribeth) – None
- d. Bike Paths – None

10. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws (Maribeth) – None
- b. Financial (Ryan, Kevin) – None
- c. Parks (Randy B., Robert, Steve, John) –
 - i. Phil gave board members copies of the completed, updated Playground brochures.
 - ii. Phil will get an estimate for a plaque detailing the importance of the weathervane sculpture in Thornton Park.
 - iii. Phil said he will contact the painters who submitted the low bid to repaint the weathervane at Thornton Park.
- d. Programs – (Phil, Randy O., and Maribeth) –
 - i. Phil moved to award Ottawa National Little League (North Side) their \$3000 maintenance money allowance, to give Ottawa American Little League (South Side) their \$3000 maintenance money allowance, and to give Ottawa Junior League their \$2500 maintenance money allowance. Ryan second. Motion passed.
 - ii. Phil reported that the AEDs for the youth leagues and for Rec softball were tested and found to be inoperative. Phil moved to purchase new AEDs at a cost of \$300 each and to purchase two cabinets at a cost of \$50 each for a total of \$1600. Robert second. Motion passed.
 - iii. Phil distributed minutes from the youth league meeting and discussed concerns regarding the traveling baseball teams.
- e. Pool (John, Maribeth, Steve, Randy B.)
 - i. John reported that one pool application had been received.
 - ii. Repairs – See Commissioner’s report.

11. New Business – None

Meeting adjourned.