

May 13, 2021 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn, Tami Koppen, Hanna Wisler  
Recreation Board Members Absent: Maribeth Manigold, Randy Orr  
Guests: None

1. Alex moved to approve April Recreation minutes. Phil second. Motion passed.
2. Robert moved to accept the April Recreation and Pool financial reports. Randy B. second. Motion passed.
3. Guests: None
4. Pool Manager's report – Hannah Wisler introduced herself as the new manager of Riordan Pool. She reported on hiring plans, her pool inspection of the pool, and raising rental rates to reflect the increase in the minimum wage.
5. Commissioner's Report: Steve Kuhn presented the Commissioner's report.
  - a. Renovation work began at Thornton Park.
  - b. East Side Park work nearly complete on the north end.
  - c. Docks will be put in the water May 14.
  - d. Reported that it now takes four days to completely mow all the city property.
  - e. Reported that the Riordan Pool painting will be completed by May 14.
  - f. Expressed Commissioner Rodriguez' appreciation for the board's work upgrading playgrounds and maintaining facilities.
  - g. Steve and the board discussed the illegal use of weed killer on the south soccer fields, the Peck Park shelters being demolished, and the possibility of adding parking at Peck Park.
6. President's Report: The board discussed making a donation to the Ottawa Y. Randy B. moved to donate to the Ottawa Y. Phil second. Vote: AYE: Phil, Randy B. Nay: Robert, Ryan, John, Alex. Motion Failed.
7. Director's Report
  - i. Mark reported that he has finished planning the summer Rec camps and park programs. The brochure will be available sometime the next week.
  - ii. Mark reported that Rec was still struggling to find park supervisors and assistant supervisor applications.
  - iii. Mark reported that adult softball will start Monday, June 7. Registration and Roster forms are available but few teams have registered. Mark noted that the state has relaxed COVID restrictions and the rules will be revised to reflect that.
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) –reported that the weathervane at Thornton Park is being painted.
- d. Programs – (Phil, Randy O., and Maribeth) –
  - i. Phil reported that the Ollom concession stand door was repaired.
  - ii. Phil reported that the AEDs for the youth leagues and for Rec softball were repaired and distributed.
  - iii. Phil reported that street lights at the North Side Little League Monster Field had been repaired.
  - iv. Marquette and Wallace baseball Co-op will use Ollom field.
- e. Pool (John, Maribeth, Steve, Randy B.)
  - i. John's sales has repaired fans in the pool chemical room.
  - ii. John proposed installing a water bottle filler at the pool at a cost of \$1800 dollars. Robert motioned to install the filler. Steve B. second. Motion passed.
  - iii. Repairs – See Commissioner's report.

11. New Business – None

Meeting adjourned.