

June 10, 2021 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn, Hanna Wisler  
Recreation Board Members Absent: Robert (Bud) Niles,  
Guests: None

1. Alex moved to approve May Recreation minutes. Ryan second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved to accept the Recreation Financial Report. Randy B. second. Motion passed.
3. Phil moved to accept Pool financial reports. Alex second. Motion passed.
4. Guests: None
5. Pool Manager's report – Hannah Wisler reported on the following:
  - a. Opening day is June 11, 2021
  - b. No capacity limits in Phase 5
  - c. Has 17 lifeguards which is still short of an optimum number.
6. Commissioner's Report: Steve Kuhn presented the Commissioner's report.
  - a. Renovation work continues at Thornton Park and East Side Park
  - b. Docks are in the water.
  - c. Reported that summer help has been hired.
  - d. Reported that the Allen Park River Walk renovation is being planned.
  - e. Expressed Commissioner Rodriguez' appreciation of how nice the parks look and how many activities Ottawa Recreation is sponsoring.
  - f. Expressed Commissioner Rodriguez' appreciation of the hard work it has taken to prepare the pool to be opened.
7. President's Report: None
8. Director's Report
  - i. Mark reported on the Recreation summer Parks program.
  - ii. Mark reported on the Recreation Summer Camps program
  - iii. Mark reported on the beginning of adult softball
  - iv. Mark reported that the gloss parks brochures had been take to numerous tourist information spots in the area.
9. Old Business – None
10. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
  - a. Construction in Progress – See Commissioner's report.
  - b. Park Inspections – Randy collected park inspection forms. The board gave Steve feedback for the best looking park award.
  - c. Long Range Plans (Kevin and Maribeth) – Alex discussed his desire to form an ad hoc committee to look at what the board wants to focus on in the upcoming year so that the board can include that in its budgeting considerations.
  - d. Bike Paths – None

## 11. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws (Maribeth) – None
- b. Financial (Ryan, Kevin) – None
- c. Parks (Randy B., Robert, Steve, John) –Phil reported that the weathervane at Thornton Park will be painted this month.
- d. Programs – (Phil, Randy O., and Maribeth) –
  - i. Phil reported that the Ollom scoreboard electrical was repaired.
  - ii. Phil reported Wallace School will be practicing on the adult softball fields in August.
  - iii. Phil reported that OBB had purchased bullpen mats for Whitney Field. He asked that OBB be reimbursed \$300 for the cost of the mats. Maribeth moved to reimburse OBB \$300. Randy B. second. Motion passed.
  - iv. Announced Rob Thompson, mower, will retire after the season.
- e. Pool (John, Maribeth, Steve, Randy B.)
  - i. Phil moved to approve \$21,077 for pool repairs and painting by Ruiz Construction. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
  - ii. John noted that water bottle filler had not been installed yet.
  - iii. Phil proposed that James Jobst and Hannah Wisler each be awarded a \$500 bonus for the extra work done getting the pool. Maribeth moved to award bonus. Randy B. second. Motion passed.

12. New Business – The board was unable to help the Eagle Scout's request for a volunteer project.

Meeting adjourned.