

October 14, 2021 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn, Tami Huftel

Recreation Board Members Absent: Phil McNally, Maribeth Manigold

Guests: Dana Vicich, Dave Marvin, Chris Stone

1. Brent moved to approve September Recreation minutes. Steve B. second. Motion passed.
2. Brent moved to accept the September Recreation and Pool Financial Reports. Randy B. second. Motion passed.
3. Guest 1: Dave Marvin reported on the recently completed summer and fall adult softball seasons. He provided the board with a handout that suggested improvements to the fields and the announcer's booths.
4. Guest 2: Dana Vicich reported on disc golf alternatives for both Fox River and Thornton Parks. He recommended constructing a new course at Fox River Park, expressing concerns about safety regarding holes 1 and 2. Dana also presented ideas about a multi golf (combo of Frisbee golf and soccer golf) for Thornton.
5. Pool Manager's report – Not required to attend October through April.
6. Commissioner's Report: Steve Kuhn reported for Commissioner Rodriguez.
 - a. Updated the board on Thornton Park progress, noting that Thornton is nearly complete. Steve asked the board to consider paying \$42,000 to help pay for soft safety surface at Thornton.
 - b. Reported on Green Street Park.
7. President's Report: Reported that Randy Orr had resigned his position.
8. Director's Report
 - i. Mark reported on the conclusion of adult softball.
 - ii. Reported on steps he had taken in his search for an adult basketball director.
9. Old Business – None.
10. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – Steve B. motioned to give the city \$42,000 to pay for safety surfaces at Thornton. Brent second. Motion passed.
 - b. Park Inspections – None
 - c. Long Range Plans (Alex, Maribeth) – Alex reported that he has reviewed previous long range plans to better help the board develop a new plan.
 - d. Bike Paths –None
11. Committee Reports
 - a. By-laws (Maribeth) – None
 - b. Financial (Ryan, Kevin) – Mark and Ryan asked the board to submit requests to be included in the 2022-23 budget.

- c. Parks (Randy B., Robert, Steve)
 - i. The board discussed Dana V.'s disc golf presentation. Randy motioned that the board pay Dana's company up to \$2000 as a design fee to develop plans for both Fox River and Thornton Park. Brent second. Motion passed.
 - d. Programs – (Phil, Randy O., and Maribeth) -- None
 - e. Pool (Maribeth, Steve, Randy B.) –
 - i. Mark reported that Hannah had not yet submitted a more complete final season report.
 - ii. The board discussed the pool inspection report and the future of the pool.
 - f. Ad Hoc Director Search committee – Robert reported that Mayor Aussem and Commissioner Rodriguez seem to favor making the position full time.
12. New Business
- a. The board discussed the stripping options for the outdoor courts at East Side Park. Alex presented research he had done on replacement outdoor backboards at East Side Park.
 - b. Brent suggested trenching and sump pump installation at Peck Park to deal with periodic flooding.
13. Meeting adjourned.