

November 11, 2021 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: None

Recreation Board Members Absent: Phil McNally, Ryan Cantlin

Guests: None

1. Brent moved to approve October Recreation minutes. Steve B. second. Motion passed.
2. Alex moved to accept the October Recreation and Pool Financial Reports. Brent second. Motion passed.
3. Pool Manager's report – Not required to attend October through April.
4. Commissioner's Report: None
5. President's Report: Robert reported that he is in the process of purchasing a home that is outside city limits. If the purchase is completed, he will be forced to resign from the board due to residency requirements.
6. Director's Report
 - i. Mark presented the final financial report for adult softball.
 - ii. Mark reported he had hired Leon Corbin as adult basketball director. He also reported that he had procured dates at Marquette to play, that rosters and rules had been distributed and posted on the website, and that the league was being publicized. Mark noted that until Governor Pritzker rescinded the indoor mask mandate, players would be required to wear masks.
7. Old Business – None.
8. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – none
 - b. Park Inspections – None
 - c. Long Range Plans (Alex, Maribeth) – The board discussed which park to next focus on for redesign, and settled on Peck Park. Brent suggested that concrete sidewalks and trenching and sump pump installation at Peck Park to deal with periodic flooding would be manageable projects to plan for 2022.
 - d. Bike Paths –None
9. Committee Reports
 - a. By-laws (Maribeth) – None
 - b. Financial (Ryan, Kevin) – None
 - c. Parks (Randy B., Robert, Steve. – Bud reported that Phil was arranging for burned out lights to be replaced at OGFA fields by Halm Brothers.
 - d. Programs – (Phil, Randy O., and Maribeth) -- None
 - e. Pool (Maribeth, Steve, Randy B.) –
 - i. Alex discussed the materials he had emailed the board regarding the cost of a new pool. Brent suggested that the city could contract with the Y to allow citizens to use the Y pool and use the current Riordan pool as a giant splash pad or some other type of water park.
 - ii. Bud will contact Hannah regarding the final financial report.

- f. Ad Hoc Director Search committee – The board discussed the progress of the search to replace Mark Astle as Director of Ottawa Recreation.

10. New Business – The board discussed various candidates to fill vacant board positions.

11. Meeting adjourned.