

December 9, 2021 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Tami Koppen  
Recreation Board Members Absent: Randy Bretag  
Guests: Cole Lindhause, Kari Hilton

1. Brent moved to approve November Recreation minutes. Steve B. second. Motion passed.
2. Brent moved to accept the November Recreation and Pool Financial Reports. Alex second. Motion passed.

Cole Lindhause spoke to the board requesting that board upgrade the city skate park. The board discussed their desire to get input regarding the best direction for improvement. Mr. Lindhause was asked to submit suggestions for renovating, repairing, or replacing skate park facilities.

3. Pool Manager's report – Not required to attend October through April.
4. Commissioner's Report: None
5. President's Report:
  - a. Robert introduced Kari Hilton as a possible recreation board member replacement.
  - b. Robert reported that he has purchased a home that is outside city limits. Thus he is forced to resign from the board due to residency requirements.
  - c. Robert reported that he had been in contact with Hannah W., pool director, to request an end-of-season pool report, but had not as yet received it.
  - d. The board discussed Robert's replacement as president of the board. Brent nominated Alex Spencer as President effective at the end of the current meeting. Alex said he would accept the nomination. Ryan second. Motion passed.
  - e. Bud nominated Brent as Vice President. Brent accepted the nomination. Phil second. Motion passed.
6. Director's Report
  - i. Mark reported that he will be working on the budget and will present a draft version to the board at the January meeting. He asked the board to discuss project goals for the upcoming fiscal year.
  - ii. Mark reported that 8 teams registered to play adult basketball. The first week went smoothly, and Lean Corbin, the new director, was organized and conscientious. Mark thanked Marquette for generously allowing the use of Bader gym for the league.
7. Old Business – \$42,000 committed to safety surface at Thornton.
8. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
  - a. Construction in Progress – none
  - b. Park Inspections – None
  - c. Long Range Plans (Alex, Maribeth)
    - i. The board created a list of project goals for 2022-23 fiscal year.
      1. Disc and foot golf at Fox River Park and Thornton Park

2. Basketball court renovation at East Side Park (Tami will work on painting estimates).
  3. Fox River Park basketball court repaint.
  4. Peck Park Drainage around OGFA fields
  5. Improving Peck Park paths to cement starting with paths from parking lots to the concession stand.
  6. More subsidy for Safety Town.
- d. Bike Paths –None

9. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws (Maribeth) – None
- b. Financial (Ryan, Kevin) – None
- c. Parks (Randy B., Robert, Steve. –
  - i. The board discussed parks that lacked flagpoles.
  - ii. Tami told that board that Allen Park Planning was restarting after a pause due to COVID. The next stage requires a public meeting.
  - iii. The board was waiting for a design from Dana Vichy before proceeding with plans for renovating disc golf courses.
- d. Programs – (Phil, Randy O., and Maribeth) –
  - i. Phil reported that Ollum lights had been repaired.
  - ii. Phil reported that OGFA lights had been replaced.
  - iii. Phil reported on the installation of LED wall pack lights for OGFA fields.
- e. Pool (Maribeth, Steve, Randy B.) – None
- f. Ad Hoc Director Search committee – The board discussed the option of trying to make the director position full time, but decided to keep it in its current format of full-time summer, part time year around.

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

11. Meeting adjourned.