

January 13, 2022 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn

Recreation Board Members Absent:

Guests: Kari Hilton

1. Ryan moved to approve December Recreation minutes. Steve B. second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved to accept the December 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: (Given by Steve Kuhn)
 - a. The first step toward the new pool will consist of a small committee meeting with a pool architect.
 - b. The city plans to repair sidewalks in Allen Park
 - c. The Green Street redesign hopes to incorporate bike paths to connect I&M Trail to the East Side.
5. President's Report:
 - a. Alex discussed Rec director applicants and notified the board that a candidate would be interviewed when he arrived at the meeting.
 - b. Alex suggested that should participation in adult basketball remain low, an open gym could be added or substituted. The board discussed various possible venues for this in addition to Marquette.
6. Director's Report -- Mark reported that first five weeks went well, and complimented Lean Corbin, the new director on being able to find enough officials.
7. Old Business –
 - a. \$42,000 committed to safety surface at Thornton.
 - b. The board is still searching for a ninth member to fill the vacancy.

The board interviewed Dave Marvin, Candidate for Director of Recreation.

The board moved to enter closed session to discuss Recreation Director Candidates.

The board moved to exit closed session.

Brent moved to recommend to Commissioner Pearson and City Council that Dave Marvin be hired as the new Director of Ottawa Recreation. Ryan second.

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Steve Brenbarger NAY

Motion passed.

8. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – The board discussed Thornton Park
 - b. Park Inspections – None
 - c. Long Range Plans (Alex, Maribeth) -- none
 - d. Bike Paths –None

9. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws (Maribeth) – None
- b. Financial (Ryan) – Mark presented the tentative 2022-23 Playground and Recreation budget. Randy moved to accept the tentative budget with the amount requested for Youth Organizations increased to \$25,000. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
- c. Parks (Randy B., Steve B.) –
 - i. Randy reported that Dana Vichy had discouraged the multi-use disc golf goals at Fox River Park due to flooding concerns. Dana felt that Thornton would be ideal for the multi-use goals.
 - ii. Randy motioned to spend \$6775 to install a new 9 hole disc golf course designed by Dana Vichy at Fox River Park. This cost does not include cement pads or installation labor. Phil second. Motion passed.
 - iii. Randy motioned to spend \$5983 at Thornton for a three hole multi-use disc golf/soccer golf course at Thornton Park. This cost does not include cement pads or installation labor. Brent second. Motion passed.
 - iv. Brent motioned to have the Fox River basketball court resurfaced and repainted at a cost of \$8085. Randy second. Motion passed.
 - v. Brent motioned to repaint the East Side basketball court at a cost not to exceed \$13,160. Maribeth second. Motion passed.
 - vi. Maribeth motioned to purchase for East Side Park four basketball poles with adjustable backboards at a cost of \$2520 per pole/backboard unit. Brent second. Motion passed.
 - vii. Phil discussed the need for shade trees near the PIP equipment at Lincoln Douglas. He moved to purchase two trees at a cost not to exceed \$1000. Randy second. Motion passed.
 - viii. Phil moved to replace lights in the Peck Park parking area at a cost of \$1500 for two lights. Randy second. Motion passed.
 - ix. Phil distributed a list of parks with flagpoles and lights.
- d. Programs – (Phil and Maribeth) –
 - i. Phil reported that two lights near Monster Field at North Side Little League were to be repaired.
 - ii. Phil reported that there were at least six travel teams looking to use city controlled fields. Phil listed the fields each team would like to use.
 - iii. Phil distributed the annual field use information he would be distributing to the leagues and asked for input.
 - iv. Phil reported on vandalism to the scoreboard at Masinelli.
- e. Pool (Maribeth, Steve, Randy B.) – The board discussed the new pool and hoped they would be given a voice in the design.

10. New Business – None.

11. Meeting adjourned.