

February 10, 2022 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn, Tami Koppen

Recreation Board Members Absent: Steve Brenbarger

Guests:

1. Maribeth moved to approve January Recreation minutes. Brent second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved to accept the January 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. Discussed the new pool planning process
  - b. Noted that Thornton Park work is on hold.
  - c. Told the board that the city is looking for grants to help redevelop Allen Park.
  - d. Reported that the East Side court will be only basketball.
5. President's Report – Alex thanked Mark for his service.
6. Director's Report –
  - a. Mark reported that the adult basketball regular season was complete and that the tournament will begin Sunday. He complimented Lean Corbin, the new director on the job he is doing as director.
  - b. Mark reported on transition details regarding handing over responsibility to Dave Marvin.
  - c. Mark reminded the board that officer nominations should occur in March and elections in April. He thanked the board again for the opportunity to serve as Director of Ottawa Recreation.
7. Old Business: The board is still searching for a ninth member to fill the vacancy.
8. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
  - a. Construction in Progress – The board discussed installing new basketball standards and backboards at Thornton Park. Phil moved to spend no more than \$8000 to purchase two adjustable hoops and standards and pay \$870 each for installation. Brent second. Motion passes.
  - b. Park Inspections – None
  - c. Long Range Plans (Alex, Maribeth) – Alex reported that the Sandwich skate park has a YouTube video that might spark ideas for renovating Ottawa's skate park.
  - d. Bike Paths – Steve affirmed that there are plans include bike paths in the Green Street renovations.
9. Committee Reports
  - a. By-laws (Maribeth) – None
  - b. Financial (Ryan) – Brent moved to give final approval to the 2022-23 Playground and Recreation budget. Randy second. Motion passed.

- c. Parks (Randy B., Steve B.) –
  - i. Tami reported that the cost for painting basketball court stipes at East Side Park had risen to \$14,330. She asked the board to approve the increased cost. Brent moved to approve the increased cost. Ryan second. Motion passed.
- d. Programs – (Phil and Maribeth) –
  - i. Phil redistributed the revised annual field use information he would be distributing to the leagues. Alex requested that the leagues document how they spend their maintenance money.
  - ii. Phil reported that Wallace School, which has half of its district in the Ottawa city limits, would like to play their games at Ollum field and would like to practice on the adult softball fields.
- e. Pool (Maribeth, Steve, Randy B.) – Steve reported that once the pool committee develops a plan, they will bring it to the Rec Board. He ask that all important papers be removed before demolition begins this summer.

10. New Business –

- a. Grand Ridge has expressed interest in having Ottawa Recreation staff a park in Grand Ridge. The board suggested a rough guess of a cost of \$3000 for the summer with Grand Ridge paying for a portable toilet if necessary. The board suggested perhaps the school would allow the park to be held on school grounds and that Grand Ridge determine interest before proceeding.
- b. Mark asked the board to approve \$1500 to purchase a new copier for the Recreation Office. Maribeth motion to approve the purchase. Phil second. Motion passed.

11. Meeting adjourned.