

August 11, 2022 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn

Recreation Board Members Absent: Steve Brenbarger

Guests: NONE

1. Kari moved to approve July Recreation minutes. Ryan second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved to accept the July Recreation and Pool Financial Reports. Randy second. Motion passed.
3. Commissioner's Report: Marla absent (Given by Steve Kuhn)
 - a. Thorton Park – Busy Place
 - i. LEASE having a back to school bash there
 - ii. Happy to see so many residents enjoying the new park
 - iii. New Quotes on the Tennis courts project.
 - A. \$34,665 for the fence and an additional \$3,760 for light poles.
 - b. Fox River Park – Damage from a tree limb to the new Disc Golf course, it was replace with a practice basket. New one has been ordered.
 - c. Allen Park- Meet with Consultant to develop a plan, once the concept plans is produce it will be presented to the board for input.
4. President's Report – Alex thanked the Summer Parks / Rec program for a successful season.
5. Director's Report –
 - a. Summer Programs
 - i. Parks – Great Summer!! – 75% of Staff indicating returning next summer.
 1. Discuss Changing parks – low attendance
 - A. McKinley School
 - B. Hollywood
 2. Add Park or double up a well-attended morning park and make it an all-day park?
 - A. Rigden – Definite move
 - B. Peck
 - C. Varland
 - ii. Programs / Special Events
 1. Camps –
 - A. Employment issues
 - B. Minimum wage cost
 2. Kiddie Carnival 200+ kids
 - A. Want to expand next year.

- b. Future – Discussions and Planning
 - i. In House Programs – offset costs (approx. \$8000 loss on camps)
 - 1. Sports camps
 - A. Expand on what we did this summer
 - i. Little Sluggers
 - ii. Little Ballers
 - 2. Kids Leagues
 - A. Kick ball
 - B. Wiffle ball
 - C. Pickle ball
 - D. Disc golf
- c. Men's Softball
 - i. Tournament champions
 - 1. Outage
 - 2. Danchris Nursey
 - ii. Illegal Bats (become an Issue)
 - 1. Future league play
 - A. Supply bat....All they can use
 - B. Become Sanctioned with USA Softball
 - i. Become the first 14inch Softball division in the State.
 - ii. Host the State Tournament
 - iii. Host our own local tournaments
 - 1. Offset Cost of our league
 - 2. Need a City /Board decision / Declaration / Document
 - A. Liability and Safety
 - B. Waiver – talked with City Lawyer.
- d. Fall Softball League – looking for game supervision
 - i. Existing League
- e. NEW Disc Golf League – Online Registration Now open
 - i. With full attendance 27 people, it cost us roughly \$300 dollars.
 - 1. 27 people – 11 dollars a person
 - ii. Will Budget for it next year if we feel it was a success.
 - iii. Approval?
- f. NEW Flag football league - Online Registration Now open
 - i. With full attendance 6 teams, it cost us roughly \$1500 dollars.
 - 1. 60 people participating – 25 dollars a person
 - A. \$500 Estimate of Cost for Startup Equipment. (one time cost) Could be less
 - B. Following year 60 people participating – 16.6 dollars a person
 - ii. Will Budget for it next year if we feel it was a success.
 - iii. Approval- Dave asked for a motion to move forward with the fall Adult leagues as presented. Phil motioned to proceed with all Adult Fall leagues. (Disc Golf, Flag Football, and Softball) Randy Seconded. Alex Spencer, Phil McNally, Ryan Cantlin, Maribeth Manigold, Josh Moore, Randy Bretag AYE Brent Roalson NAY Motion Passed

- g. Fall Harvest Dance -
 - i. Jane Schumas asked if we could reinstate the dance.
 - ii. I told her to look into cost of venues
 - 1. Band \$1500
 - 2. Venue \$1200
 - 3. Food Est \$500
 - iii. Approval- Dave asked for a motion to move forward with the Fall Harvest Dance. Maribeth motioned to proceed with the Fall Harvest Dance at a cost of \$3200. Phil seconded: (All in Favor) Motion Passed.
- 6. Old Business:
 - a. Board discussed completion of fence by the Soccer field on East McKinley, Final cost \$4750, Rec boards half \$2375
- 7. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – Dave pointed out that he miscoded a payment that was to be place in Construction in Progress, it was mistakenly placed in Misc Parks and Rec Playgrounds. (10,850.93 US Tennis Court Construction) Alaina was made aware of the mistake and will move the funds accordingly.
 - b. Park Inspections – Randy asked that all board members do an August inspection at their appointed parks.
 - c. Long Range Plans – Thorton Park Project requires Fence painting to continue / complete the steps of covering the tennis court surfaces.
 - i. \$34,665 for the fence and an additional \$3,760 for light poles. Brent made a motion to accept the quote for Thorton Park Fence painting @\$38,425.00 Phil Seconded. (All in Favor) Motion passed.
- 8. Committee Reports
 - a. By-laws (Maribeth) – None
 - b. Financial (Ryan) – None
 - c. Parks (Randy B., Steve B.) – Thanked Steve Kuhn and his Crew for the completion of the Fox River Disc Golf project.
 - d. Programs – (Phil and Maribeth) –
 - i. Phil reported North and South Little League still in discussion on joining together to become one charter. Talks are promising.
 - ii. Looking for new ballfield mowing quotes for next year.
 - e. Pool (Maribeth, Steve, Randy B.) Steve Kuhn reported that bids are out.
- 9. New Business – NONE
- 10. Meeting adjourned.
 - a. Maribeth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brent Seconded. Motion passed.