

MAY 11, 2023 Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Phil McNally, Ryan Cantlin, Steve Brenbarger, Brent Roalson, Kari Hilton, Randy Bretag, (Dave Marvin, Director of Ottawa Recreation).

Others City Officials attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn, Brent Barron

Recreation Board Members Absent: Alex Spencer, Mairbeth Maingold, and Josh Moore

Guests: Rocky Hasty - Marquette HS Girls softball announcer.

Mr. Hasty inquired into the city providing improvements to June Gross field for the Marquette Girls Softball team. He discussed the difference from what the boys played on and the girls play on, items of improvement included a covered Dugout (brick) similar to Mazzinelli field where the boys play.

1. Kari moved to approve April Recreation minutes. Steve second. Motion passed.
2. Steve moved to accept the April Recreation Financial Reports. Phil second. Motion passed.
3. Commissioner's Report: Steve Kuhn
 - a. Discussed moving the board meeting time so Marla can attend more of the meetings.
 - b. Peck Park Designs / Preliminary locations were presented via email and at the meeting by Brent
 - i. Asked for Concerns and ideas for improvements
 - c. Commissioner Barron asked if there were any plans to create and use a bicycle / pedestrian path that land had been previously purchased for?
 - i. This was something the board was willing to look into.
4. President's Report – Alex was not present, Vice President Roalson discussed the resignation of Alex Spencer as President of the Recreation board.
 - a. Asking if we had any official documentation, Dave (Recreation Director) said all he had was keys and a box of materials that were left on his desk.
 - b. Brent Roalson will take over as acting president at this point.
5. Director's Report –
 - a. Adult basketball – Budget Numbers
 - i. Revenue - TEAM FEES $450 \times 4 = 1800$
 1. 200 donation = 200
 2. Total \$2000.00
 - ii. Expenses
 1. \$2507 - Supervisor (reduced this year/ over payment) \$3061
 2. \$1680 - Referees
 3. \$480 - Scoreboard / Scorebook
 4. \$246.06 - Equipment
 5. 264.41 - Trophies
 6. \$5423.53 Total
 - iii. Rec Bball Budget 2023- $\$9500 - \$5423.53 = 4076.47$ under Budget
 - iv. City Rec Cost per Player
 1. $5423.53 - \$2000.00 = - \3423.53 / 43 players total

- A. Cost per player = 79.61
 - B. CITY REC Subsidized \$15 per player
 - C. Cost per Player 64.61
- v. TO BREAK EVEN – City Rec would need to Charge \$1356 a team (4 teams)
 - 1. CITY REC Subsidized \$15 per player City Rec would need to Charge \$1194 a team (4 teams)
- vi. FUTURE LEAGUE Improvement / Budget Examples Moving Forward
 - 1. Adding teams
 - A. (adding 2 Teams increases cost \$104 a night Refs and Score table)
 - B. The Full season cost would increase \$1040 and we only bring in \$900 more dollars at the current rate
- vii. 2024 Bball Winter League with 6 teams COST: 5977.53
 - 1. Still Under Budget of \$9500
 - A. TEAM FEES TO BREAK EVEN \$996.00
 - B. After CITY REC Subsidized \$15 per player
 - i. TEAM FEE TO BREAK EVEN \$834.00
- viii. LEAGUE Positive Changes from last Season
 - 1. Facility Cost CHARGED ZERO FEE.....we donated \$100 in hospitality gift to Central (not mandatory, my discretion) as a Thank you!
 - 2. League always had Refs. (Paid \$40 per game)
 - 3. League Game times (In and Out of the facility in less than 4 hours)
- ix. LEAGUE Negative Changes from last Season
 - 1. Our Costs - INCREASE in Minimum Wages.
 - 2. Participation - ONLY 4 Teams.
- b. Adult Softball
 - i. Need 1 Womens Team
 - ii. Need 3 Men's Team
 - 1. Final Registration is May 15th and 16th
 - iii. Bat Tester not arrived as of 5/12/23
- c. Summer Parks
 - i. Employment
 - 1. Park Employees all hired
 - A. FYI on Employment / job applications
 - i. Observation, Last year and this year - late employment applications - Just this week, had more than the past month. (In person / drop off)
 - ii. We need our workers in place by May, we use:
 - 1. Webtimes
 - 2. Indeed
 - 3. Rec Website
 - 4. All Social Media Platforms
- d. NCAT – Potential Reduction of Transportation Services for our summer parks kids
 - i. Causes – workers and vehicles in need of repair
 - ii. 90% of our SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE SUMMER Require Transportation

- iii. Marseilles and Grand Ridge are paying us \$3000 each for our Services, and Transportation is a MUST for them!!!
 - iv. I Emailed / Contacted City Officials today
 - 1. We have families that need this service
 - 2. Parents working
 - 3. No means to transport
 - v. I Contacting Alternative Means of transportation for Costs
 - e. June Gross Score booth Repairs
 - i. Mayou Roofing under approx. \$2500
 - 1. Phil asked for a motion to pay for the roof repairs at June Gross Fields under \$2500.00. Randy made a motions to pay for the repairs to June Gross field, Steve Seconded, All in favor.
 - f. New Fiscal Year Field Maintenance Money
 - i. When would you like to distribute this year funds
 - 1. Phil asked for a motion to release funds to youth league upon receipts of purchases effective immediately. Randy seconded: All in Favor
 - g. BY Laws – Discussed updating the date for the website
 - h. League Rules – Trying to locate a digital copy of changes in procedures that the committee work on.
 - i. Bill Info / Question Peck Park / Electrical damage
- 6. Old Business:
 - a. Outstanding committed money –
 - 1. Fox River Park basketball painting at a cost of \$7600.
- 7. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – NONE
 - b. Park Inspections – Turnberry damaged slide has been repaired
 - c. Long Range Plans and Review –
 - i. Walsh park – Need to get the previously discussed playground equipment purchase from the donated funds we have.
- 8. Committee Reports
 - a. By-laws (Maribeth) – Revise the Date and get in on the Website
 - b. Financial (Ryan) – None
 - c. Parks (Randy B., Steve B.) – Next week starts construction of disc golf at Thornton Park
 - d. Programs – (Phil and Maribeth) – None
 - e. Leagues – Discuss Maintenance Money
 - f. Pool (Maribeth, Steve, Randy B.) None
- 9. New Business –
 - a. Discussed location for youth Soccer. (league play) Industrial park is temporary solution until we can find permanent home. Brent suggested the board help them. (City Guidelines)
 - b. Ryan asked if the board would buy a “Gang Box” for Soccer Storage at the Youth Soccer field
 - 1. Steve Motion to purchase the Gang box at \$1000.00 for youth Soccer, Kari seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - c. In need Walking Path at Lincoln Douglass Complex, Missing section (last piece) Phil will get bids.
 - d. Willawaw Weather Vane – Will pour the pad, plaques has been ordered

- e. Add to Master Calendar (boys scouts) at Mazzinelli (Axe Throwing) Sept 22 /23 2023
- f. Little League North Side needs light fixed
- g. Still in progress Brick Dugouts “Roy Sanders” Field. Wolfpack Baseball
- h. Discussed Marquette Softball Maintenance Money 2024

10. Meeting adjourned.

- a. Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kari Seconded. Motion passed.