

Sept 14, 2023, Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

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

Others City Officials attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn, Marla Pearson, Tammi Koppen

Recreation Board Members Absent: Steve Brenbarger, Melissa Hulse, Ryan Cantlin

Guests: Jason Corsolini, Stacey Soulsby, Jason Pix

Jason Rix introduced himself and informed the board that he would like to be considered for the unfilled board member position, his name was added to the list for the mayor to appoint.

Jason Corsolini spoke on behalf of the Fastpitch travel team (Ottawa Outcasts), he was looking for clarification on how to schedule a field for practice time, and if there was a fee involved Brent informed him that he had to schedule a time with the organization (OGFA) that is the dedicated user to that field, when there is an open practice slot / time, there is no fee to practice.

Tammi informed the board that Hitchcock Deigns would be here next week if anyone wanted to discuss the Allen Park project.

1. Maribeth moved to approve the August Recreation minutes. Kari second. Motion passed.
2. Phil moved to accept the August Recreation Financial Reports. Randy second. Motion passed.
3. Commissioner's Report:
  - a. Marla thanked the board for its efforts to help get the Riordan pool project completed and operational, since there was no real grand opening because of the short timeline to get the pool open to the public, she presented everyone with a souvenir beach towel with the Riordan Pool logo on it. The board complemented and thanked Marla for the Pool project, it is an outstanding addition to our Parks and Recreation facilities here in the city of Ottawa.
  - b. Boards was asked to approve a bid of \$10,650 for new lighting at the Peck Park / Tennis Courts
    - i. Randy motion to pay \$10,650 for lighting at Peck Park / Tennis courts, Melissa second, Motion passed.
4. President's Report –
  - a. Brent discussed the meeting with the Wolfpack organization and is usage agreement to us the North diamonds next year. Brent felt after their presentation they would be a good addition to have at the North diamonds taking over the maintenance for the field moving forward. Potentially building new dugouts on both fields
  - b. Soccer is in need of additional porta potties in the far playing area.

5. Director's Report –

- a. Summer Parks (Camps Report)
  - i. Ottawa Rec offered 31 camps / clinics this summer (2023), that is up from 21 camps last year.
  - ii. In the summer of 2022 Ottawa Recreation had to subsidize a total of \$6826.65 toward the operation of the 21 summer camps provided.
  - iii. This summer (2023) with the addition of several “in house clinics” and raising prices across the board per camp Ottawa Rec subsidize \$1160.98 toward 31 camps.
  - iv. Dave believes with an adjustment to the Tennis camp, and a slight increase in fees to cover the minimum wage increases, we could break even with all our camps and clinics in the Summer of 2024.
- b. Adult Softball – Fall League was cancelled.
  - i. Only 1 team signed up to participate in the Fall offering.
- c. Storm damage North Diamond - All repairs completed
  - i. The total cost to repair the score booth was \$485, being under \$1000, Dave completed the payment for the repairs.
- d. Softball Field maintenance: we had a mower donated to us by the city for use at the Lincoln Douglass Softball Diamonds.
  - i. Costs were estimated at approximately \$1500 which the board approved.
  - ii. Actual Cost to Repair the Mower came in at \$2552.00, 1. Dave asked for a motion to approve a new repair total to Smith Sales and Service for \$2552. Phil made a motion to approve the \$2552.00 in Repairs for the Mower, Kari Second. Motion passed unanimously.
  - iii. Fall Dance:
    - 1. Dance has been scheduled on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm at the Knights of Columbus. Dave has the Dance advertisement going in the newspaper and is currently on the Rec website and Rec social media.
  - iv. Multi League / Disc Golf – Registration is open for the new Multi-sport league at Thorton Park. League would start Sept 23rd.

6. Old Business:

- a. Outstanding committed money
  - i. Outstanding \$4500 for Wolfpack to construct Dugouts North side (Roy Sanders Field)
  - ii. Paid Basketball hoops Peck Park- \$4555.00
- b. Parks / Rec Code of Conduct – Dave distributed the final document to the board members to review, at the next meeting a vote will be taken to accept and present it to the city council.

7. Long Range Planning and Board Goals

- a. Construction in Progress –
  - i. Peck Park – project is progressing.
- b. Park Inspections –
  - i. Basketball Hoop damage at Lincoln Douglas, City workers will take a look at the damages.
  - ii. Dead Trees at Peck Park in need of being Cut down.
- c. Long Range Plans and Review – NA

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. By-laws (Maribeth) – Vote next month on the new bylaws
- b. Financial (Ryan) – NA
- c. Parks (Randy B., Steve B.) – All look good
- d. Programs – (Phil and Maribeth) NA
- e. Leagues – New designated user
  - i. Brent recommended the Wolfpack athletic organization become a designated user of Lincoln Douglass Diamonds, working around the Men's and Women's Adult softball League schedules.
    - 1. Kari made a motion to approve the Wolfpack to become a designated user of the Lincoln Douglas diamonds. Randy Seconded, motion passed.
  - ii. Dave discussed the need for some type of Online Master schedule for all our Park athletic facilities, (ballfields, tennis courts, basketball courts, disc golf) to show the public availability.

## 9. New Business –

- a. OHS Proposed Scoreboard donation.
  - i. Phil indicated as estimated cost of \$13,000 to get a scoreboard mounted and bringing in electrical to it.
  - ii. Discussion was do we pay that much money to mount a 10–15-year-old scoreboard, which Phil pointed out did not have a pitch count display on the scoreboard. (Estimates another \$5000 to add a pitch count)
  - iii. The board appreciates OHS offer / donation but decided to pass at this time.
- b. Peck Park Construction / Electrical damage
  - i. Dave indicated that he received a bill for work that was done to correct damage resulting from the Peck Park project.
    - 1. Asked the board are we paying this bill or is it going to another department, Steve Kuhn said he would take those bills related to the damage.

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## 10. Meeting adjourned.

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