

July 11th, 2024, Playground and Recreation Board minutes regular meeting

Recreation Board Members Present: Brent Roalson, Phil McNally, Steve Brenbarger, Ryan Cantlin, Jason Rix, Maribeth Manigold, Randy Bretag, Amanda Lynch.

Other City Officials attending the meeting: Steve Kuhn, Marla Pearson

Recreation Board Members Absent:, Sarah Nanouski, Melissa Hulse

Guest: None

1. Approved June minutes. Phil moved to approve. Steve seconds. All in favor and the Motion passed.
2. Approved June Recreation Financial Report. Steve moved to accept. Jason seconds. All in favor and the Motion passed.
3. No guest in attendance.
4. Commissioner's Report
 - a. Allen Park is coming along! People are talking about it and people are saying good things about it.
 - b. At Rigden Park the bridge on the playscape is all rusted and broken. To replace just the one piece it is \$11,000. Not to sure if we would like to replace all the equipment at the park or just that one structure since it is 22 years old. Looking at around \$35,000.00 to replace all three structures. Hold off and think about what playgrounds we are going to fix next. If you eliminate the bridge then you can still use the equipment just without the bridge.
 - c. Bridge pieces painted down at Allen Park possibly start now so that they are done when the park is done.
5. Recreation Board President's Report
 - a. Cameras at FLOCK \$3,500 donation from Lions club. Discussed getting cameras at most of the parks to help stop damage from being done. \$3,500.00 per camera per year. Live feed that goes directly to the PD. Same system that does the license plate cameras all downtown. All we would have to provide is a pole with a power, 360 degree view, and the \$3,500.00 includes install, maintenance for a whole year. It does record in the cloud for 30 days, you can save it for longer if necessary. Split the cost with the City so we would only need one camera per park since it has a quarter mile zoom. Priority list for the parks that would get the cameras first. Walsh, Allen, Peck, and Thornton first, then Rigden and Washington Square. Possibly even splitting it three ways with Public Safety. Possibly getting the price reduced with the more cameras we buy would be helpful. Also, Hollywood park, Fox River, and East Side. These cameras are constantly recording. Can rotate on its own but can also be moved by the PD. First camera goes to Walsh park since they donated the money to us for the camera. Marla was in agreement with splitting the camera cost with us. So a motion to buy 10 cameras made by Randy, and second by Jason. All in favor and the Motion passed.
6. Directors Report:
 - a. Disc Golf was resolved, and possibility go with someone new for next year.
 - b. Tim Trumbo – would love to help all we would have to pay for is the paint.

7. Old Business – N/A
8. Long Range Planning and Board Goals
 - a. Construction in Progress – Allen is looking good
 - b. Park Inspections – N/A
 - c. Long Range Plans and Reviews - Get spread sheet for when the parks were last updated.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. By-Laws (Maribeth) – New By-Laws on website.
 - b. Financial/Budget (Ryan) – N/A
 - c. Parks (Randy B., Steve) – N/A
 - d. Programs (Maribeth, Ryan, Jason) – N/A
 - e. Leagues (Brent, Phil, Melissa, Jason) – N/A
 - f. Social Media/Internet (Maribeth, Steve, Jason) – N/A
10. New Business
 - a. Lions Club is hurting and possibly shutting down. Possibility of getting their building for the Rec Department if they dissolve. If they give the building back to the city they would still like to host their own poker night and that is something that we could work out. They would have to bring their own alcohol because we would not keep the liquor license. Building is in good shape.
 - b. Talking about Gross and Sanders Fields – Chad Luckas has plans. There are four dugouts that are not finished but Inframetals is working on the front of the dugouts. Roofs are going up as well. All type fence is going to put the fence up. Bill is about \$40 - \$50 thousand. Has plans for where it floods between the two fields. In order for us to make investments in him he needs to show that he is invested in Ottawa Rec as well. Once soccer finds a field they are going to need some help with fields as well. If this organization is going to be under us then they are going to have to follow the same guidelines and pay the same about or money along with volunteer hours and investments into the fields.
 - c. Coming up with a long range plan for an outline for when there are no leagues. Who is striping the fields. City personel will probably not do it for those wages. Now we are talking about a Park District, with the director scheduling everything and that is going to take sometime. Might be easier to ask the organizations to stripe and maintain their own fields.
11. Adjournment – Randy motioned to adjourn, and Steve second the Motion. All in favor, Motion passed.